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# Welcome!

## Soar with the Seahawks!



Welcome to the 1996-97 *Regina Maris* Yearbook! The year has been full of changes and successes. We've worked diligently to capture the most significant events within these pages. It is our hope that you'll be pleased with the end result.

We decided to use the change in University mascots as a theme for this book. The seahawk represents, to us, a new beginning and hope for the future. As the seahawk soars above others, so will Salve Regina University!

Sister M. Therese Antone, President of Salve Regina University, poses with the new mascot, the Salve Seahawk.



# Why a Seahawk?

Good question. Actually, there is no such bird. The seahawk is actually a colloquialism for *Pandion haliaetus*, also commonly known as the “Osprey.”

The seahawk is unique. Within its scientific family (*Family Pandionidae*) it is the sole species, being the only raptor known to fish with its feet. (By comparison *Family Accipitridae*, which comprises hawks and eagles, has over 208 species). We like to believe that Salve Regina University is unique as well, offering its population experiences and relationships that exist nowhere else in higher education.

The seahawk is also experiencing something of a rebirth on the East Coast. The osprey has struggled for nearly a decade against human-made chemicals that weakened the osprey's egg shells and reduced the number of successful births. Recent efforts to reduce chemical pollution have allowed this bird of prey the opportunity to flourish once more. Salve Regina University is also experiencing a rebirth of sorts. We continue to climb to new heights and to soar to new plateaus. We have survived some difficult years that have affected higher education as a whole. Our aim is always upward, and with the changes on the horizon, there is no doubt that we will continue to flourish.

The name “Salve Seahawks” was the winner of a name contest held during the 1995-96 academic year. It beat out other notable contenders including the Saints and the Sharks.







## *Salve Regina*

*Hail, O Holy Queen*

*Hail, holy Queen enthroned above,*

*O Maria!*

*Hail Queen of mercy and of love,*

*O Maria!*

*Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye  
Seraphim,*

*Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:*

*Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!*

*Our life, our sweetness here below,*

*O Maria!*

*Our hope in sorrow and in woe,*

*O Maria!*

*Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye  
Seraphim,*

*Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:*

*Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!*







# One, Two, cha cha Cha!



*New students participate in the “Back to Back Tango” at the Playfair program, during move-in weekend.*



# Orientation Starts New Students Off on the Right Foot.

**I**t seemed that you had just graduated, a senior, top of the world. Then the very next week you were on your way to becoming freshmen yet again. The orientation program, which ran in small sessions throughout the summer months, served many purposes. First and foremost, new students had the opportunity to meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. Secondly, students had the op-

portunity to meet one another. Evening activities in the Wakehurst Student Center mixed students up, sat them down, and introduced them around.

When new students returned in the fall, they were treated to a scavenger hunt of New-

port, a “getting-to-know-you” activity called “Playfair” and a hurricane! While hurricane Edouard certainly added a thrill to the start of the school year, it did little damage and served only as a reminder to how wild the ocean weather can be.



*Are they huddling against the cold or just enjoying each other's company? New students pose for a group photo aboard the S.S. Viking.*



*A member of the Residence Life staff calls out the directions during a large game of orientation Twister.*



*Sen. Claiborne Pell addresses the press conference on October 9 in Ochre Court at which Sister M. Therese Antone announced plans to establish the Pell Center.*



# Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy Studies

by John Pantalone

At a press conference on Wednesday, October 9, in the Great Hall of Ochre Court, Sister M. Therese Antone, president of Salve Regina University, announced jointly with Sen. Claiborne Pell, plans to establish the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy at Salve Regina.

Sister Therese and Sen. Pell announced that the University will receive a \$3 million federal start-up grant to develop the Pell Center, which is being named for Sen. Pell, who recently retired after 36 years in the U.S. Senate.

Newspaper and television reporters gathered at the press conference and more than 100 others -students, faculty and staff- joined in Ochre Court to hear details from Sister Therese and Sen. Pell. "We see this Center as a great tribute to Sen. Pell and a significant development for Salve Regina, for Newport and for Rhode Island," Sister Therese said.

This is a wonderful match for Sen. Pell, who will be able to remain active in a field -international relations- where he has been so influential for decades. We hope he will also share his wealth of experience with our students and faculty.

Plans are to house the Center in an as yet undetermined location on campus. Sen. Pell said he was eager to help establish the Center and would work with the University to do so. Sister Therese said she anticipated that the senator would help to arrange programs, and his contacts in government and international relations would be utilized to bring guests in those fields to the campus.



During the press conference Sen. Pell and the University were praised and congratulated by guest speakers including Congressmen Jack Reed (D-R.I.), Rear Admiral James R. Stark, president of the Naval War College, and Newport Mayor David Gordon.

The Center has been planned to bring national and international diplomatic figures, scholars, and policymakers in international relations to the Salve campus to explore issues of the peaceful resolution of conflict among nations. It is expected that the Center would promote programs designed to increase basic and applied knowledge of Western and non-Western approaches to diplomacy and conflict resolution.

"I have spent a great part of my life and energies on the questions of inter-national peace and relations between and among the nations of the world," Sen. Pell said in his press conference address. "It is a difficult field and too little understood.

"Throughout my years in the Senate I have urged young people to spend more of their study on international issues and foreign languages. I have also tried to persuade our nation's institutions of higher learning to devote more of their resources to the same subject. That is why I am so excited by what is occurring today.

"Under the dynamic leadership of Sister Therese, Salve Regina is committed to establishing this Center and developing it into a true center of excellence in the teaching and the analysis of international relations."

It is envisioned that the Center, as a result of research or conference proceedings, would share materials with policymakers, members of Congress and their staffs, diplomats, journalists, educators and others engaged in various aspects of public policy and international relations.

"We are humbled and honored to have been selected as the home for this vital and significant Center," Sister Therese said at the press conference. "The Center fulfills the teaching mission of our University and the mission of our founders, the Religious Sisters of Mercy, who have worked for decades in developing nations to promote peace and to aid the poor through education."



*Senator Pell takes a moment to meet with a Salve family after the press conference.*



*Dr. Ronald Atkins  
Business Administration*



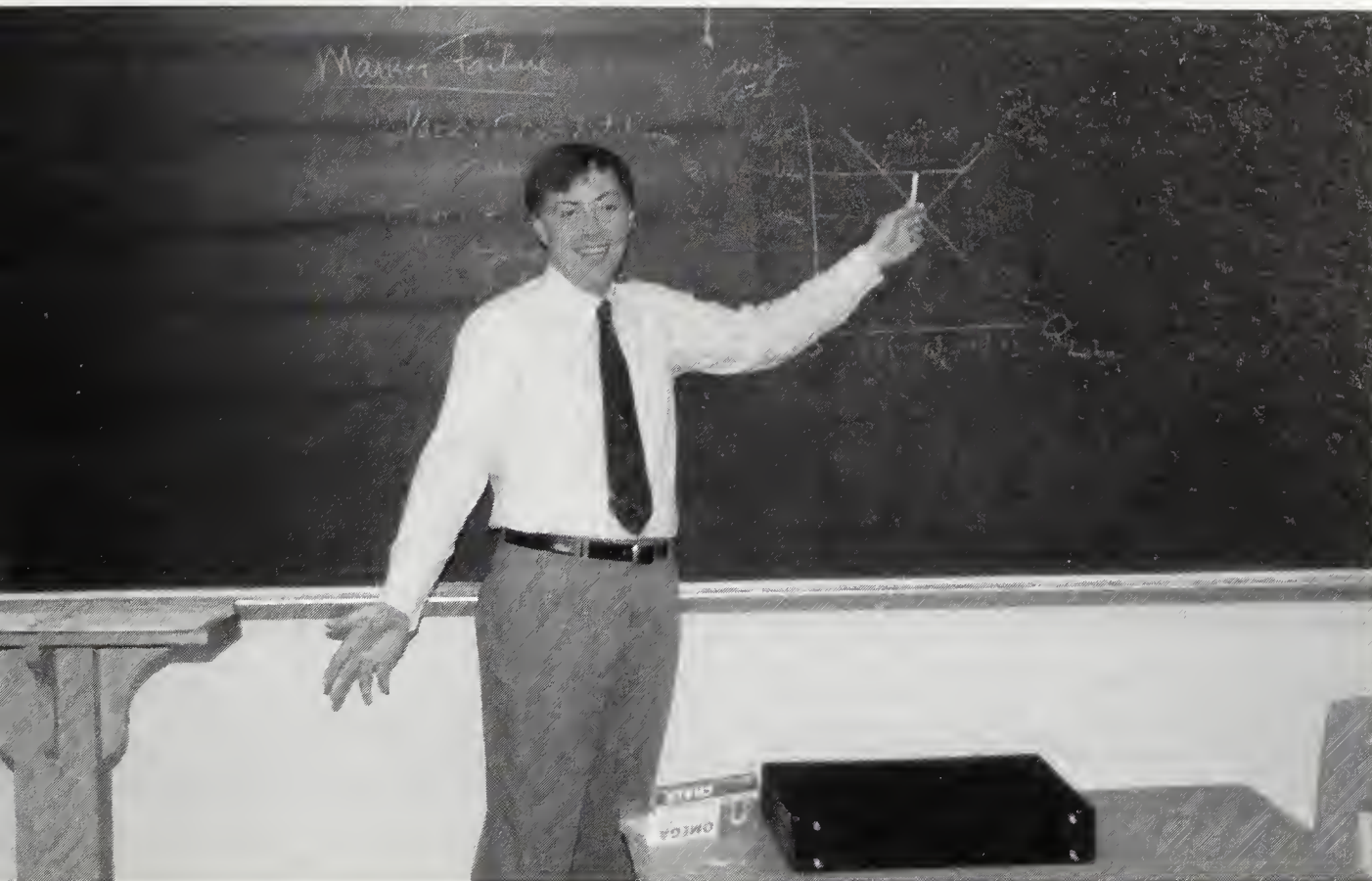
Challenging us to Grow. SRU's

# FAB FACULTY

They probably hated eight o'clock classes as much as you did; but they'd never tell you that. Just like the commercial "They're there when you need them." They are, of course, SRU's fabulous faculty. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those members of the faculty who challenged us to think and study hard and helped to show us that we could reach beyond the lim-

its that we may have set for ourselves. Many faculty showed their concern for our education well beyond the classroom. Some by serving as club advisors, others by offering extra study sessions and meetings. While we could write volumes about each of them, we decided instead to give a nod to some of our favorites.





*Dr. Harold Lawber - Economics*



*Mr. Gerald Willis - Sociology*



*Mrs. Lorraine Robidoux; Mr.  
Paul McKillop; Mr. Terrence  
Gavan - Accounting*



*Dr. Ascanio DiPippo  
- Chemistry*







*Dr. Prudence Croke, RSM; Dr. Karen Dobson; Ms. Jayme Hennessy; Mr. John Rok; Dr. Frank Maguire; Dr. John Greeley - Religious Studies*



*Mr. Peter Davis - Music*



*Dr. Katherine Lawber; Dr. Jane  
Bethune; Dr. Peter Alfieri -  
Spanish*



*Dr. George Luzitano;  
Dr. Lois Eveleth; Dr.  
Michael DiMaio; Dr.  
James Hersh -  
Philosophy*





No, the bird isn't in charge here, although he (?) does own the sidelines at football games.



# WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

**N**ot much would ever happen if someone wasn't in charge. At Salve Regina University we have been fortunate to have outstanding leaders guiding the growth and development of the University. Furthermore, many have become our friends. One of the hallmarks that makes SRU what it is is the sense of personal caring that members of the faculty and administration demonstrate to students. The individuals on the following pages are the tops, not only in the administration, but in their caring as well.





Sister M. Therese Antone  
President



Mr. Dominic Varisco  
Executive Vice President



Mr. William Hall  
Vice President for Financial Affairs



Mr. Michael Semenza  
Vice President for Institutional Development





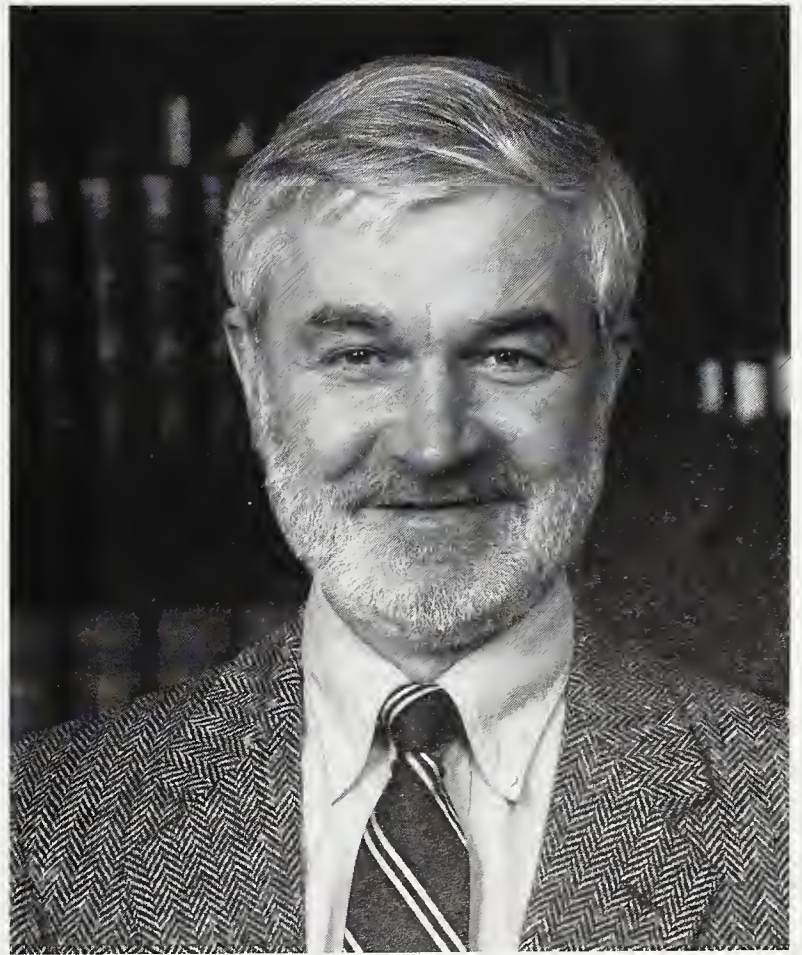
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Vice President for Administration



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Affairs/Dean of Faculty



Ms. Laura McPhie  
Dean of Enrollment/Admissions



Mr. John Rok  
Vice President for Student Life



## *Activities Arise Everywhere*

Some colleges, especially those with “suitcase campuses” are notorious for being a little (yawn) boring. This complaint is mostly heard on the weekends on those campuses. But Salve Regina University definitely does not fit that description.

Here at Salve, there is no reason to whine to Mommy and Daddy about “nothing to do weekends”. There is something here for everyone.

Students can choose to participate in numerous volunteer opportunities, either on or off-campus. There is also the Wakehurst Program, Spring Weekend, semi-formals and much more.

With all of these tempting activities around, it is no surprise to see the social lives of all students soar to a new level.





# *Soaring* STUDENT LIFE



# VOLUNTEERISM

## The Feinstein Enriching America Program

The Feinstein Enriching America Program at Salve Regina University is integrated into each student's academic program as part of the Freshmen Seminar Experience. As service has always been a part of the Salve Regina University mission, the Feinstein program prepares new students for the practice of community service throughout their four years at Salve.

Students are introduced to opportunities for community service at the beginning of the freshmen year, participate in an indi-

vidually selected project during the year and culminate their first year with opportunities for critical reflection via journaling and discussion groups.

During 1996-97 SRU students had the opportunity to participate in such varied experiences as: Learning Unlimited, Child & Family Service Daycare, Boys' & Girls' Club of Newport, Salvation Army, Special Olym-

pics, Habitat for Humanity, Girl Scouts of America and Books-Are Us.

*"Helping to better the lives of others, regardless of race, creed or color, is the greatest of all achievements."*

- Alan Shawn Feinstein

One of many opportunities for volunteering on campus is the Learning Unlimited program. LU accepts volunteers for teaching special needs populations.



Amy Franco '00 pitches in at a site clean up during Community Outreach Day.

Alan Shawn Feinstein, founder of the Feinstein Foundation, meets with Christina Julius, center, and SRU students during a campus visit to encourage participation in the Feinstein Enriching America Program.







Nothin' but net. Holly Tessier '98 teaches some young women the finer points of basketball.

President Therese Antone, RSM, looks over the shoulders of some enthusiastic youngsters at one of the Newport schools.



Jean Ginchereau, Senior Class Advisor, looks on as local elementary school children experiment with a computer learning program.



A SRU family has their picture taken with the new University mascot, the Seahawk.

## Family, Food and Fun!



A Salve student decorates the face of one of many siblings who attended the weekend. Youngsters were also treated to pumpkin decorating.

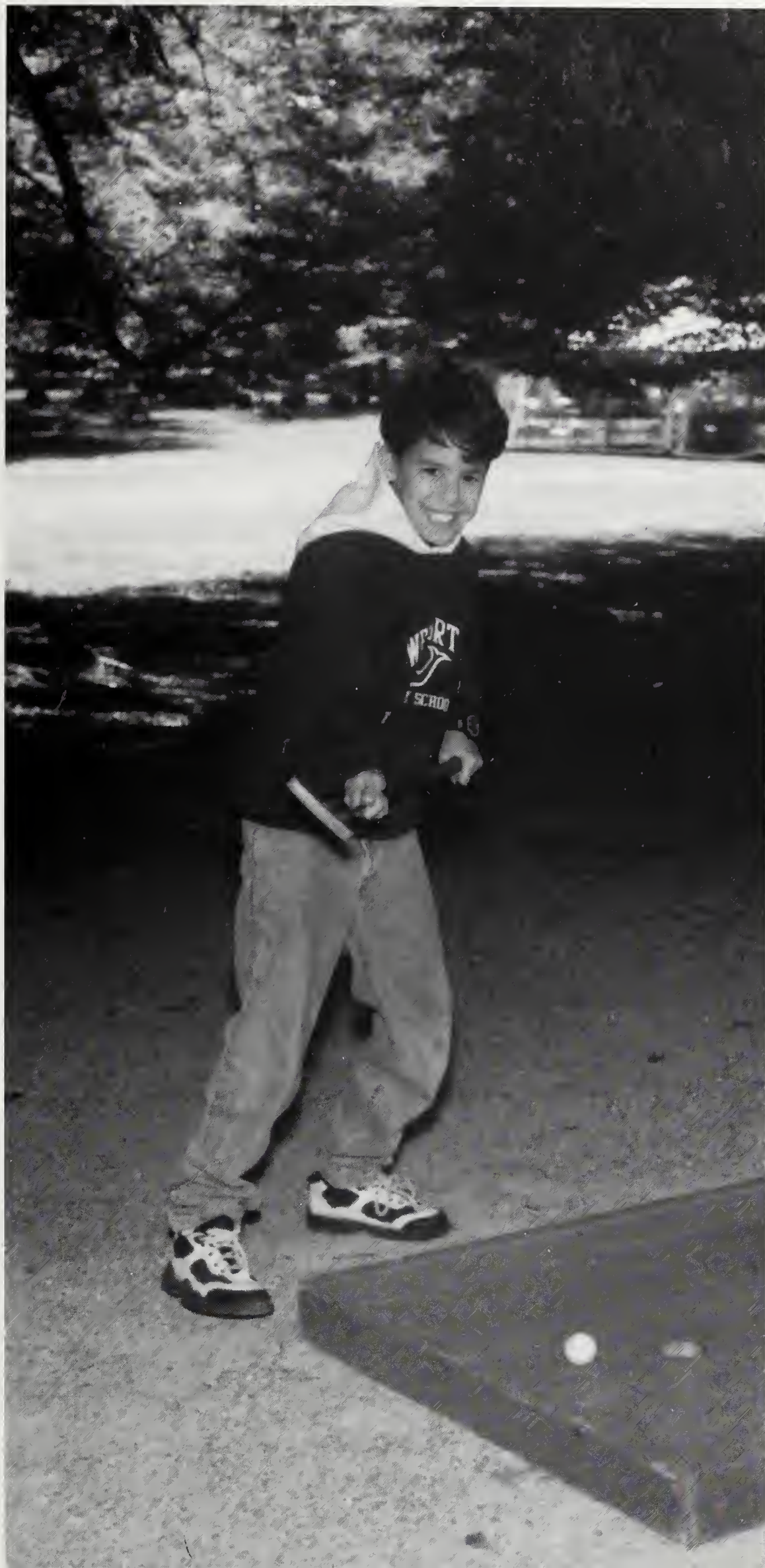
Some of the SRU cheerleaders show off the new uniforms. The cheerleaders raised money for the uniforms by selling popcorn during the day.

Three young men check out the 'horsepower' for the hayrides. Free rides provided families with a scenic tour of campus.





The next Tiger Woods? Maybe not, but this youngster certainly enjoyed himself on the miniature golf course sponsored by the Student Activities Office.



# Fall Family Day

**S**RU held its third annual Fall Family Day on Saturday, October 5. Sponsored by the Student Life Office, the day offers Salve families the opportunity to come together on campus and enjoy a number of activities. The weather was warm for mid-Autumn, but no one complained as the weather cooperated for the outdoor activities.

Activities were centered around the Wakehurst Student Center with children's face-painting and pumpkin painting under the tent on the great lawn. A 9-hole miniature golf course was laid out in front of the building and a horse-drawn hay wagon offered rides from the north parking lot. Parents and interested guests could take a tour along the Cliff Walk, or embark on a water tour around Aquidneck Island.

Later in the day athletics became the focus, as the women's field hockey team and the men's football team held home contests. The women scrimmaged Brown University in an exciting back and forth exhibition. The men had prepared all week for their game with Division II powerhouse Bentley College. In the greatest upset of SRU's short football history, the Seahawks defeated Bentley 37-35 to remain undefeated in 1996.

The day concluded with an informal Cider Pour on the South Porch of the student center. Families enjoyed warm cider and a beautiful sunset.



If it's October then it's got to be...

# Oktober Fest Weekend

The Student Life Senate sponsored a second annual Oktober Fest Weekend on October 24-27. The four-day event featured a highly successful Masquerade Ball cosponsored by the Student Housing Senate. Attendees to the ball received complimentary masks - many of which were unnecessary as numerous ball-goers came in their own unique costumes.

The highlight of the weekend, however, was the Wakehurst Haunted House. Many student groups participated by decorating one room each in the 100+ year old mansion. Students and community members paid a small fee to tour the ghostly mansion which featured frights and sights inside and out!

Members of SRU's musical organizations attend the open casket viewing of the late Jen Corsi '98.

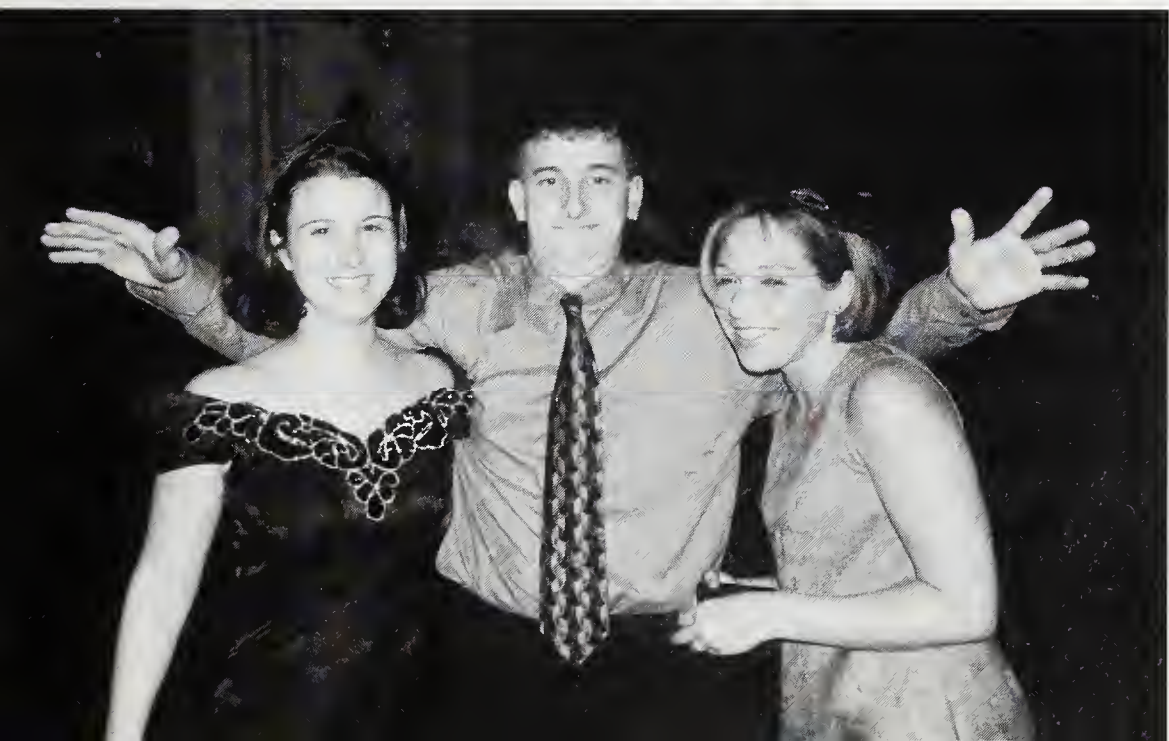
Sigma Phi Sigma took over Mr. Rok's Office...and it never looked better!

The Wakehurst welcoming committee lurks in the woods outside of the Student Center.





Cheryl Dill '98, Jen Corsi '98 and Joseph Zembruski '97 are all smiles (that is a smile, Joe?) at the Masquerade Ball.



Jessie "The Joker" Harding '96, stood out (as usual!) in his dapper duds.

Some folks just hate to have their picture taken, even when they are having a good time.

"What me worry?" Charles Antone '99 revels in a job well done with Jen Corsi '98 and Amy Smialowicz '97. Charles organized the Ball.





# WAKEHURST STUDENT CENTER



Following up on recommendations made by students during the 1995-96 school year, Salve Regina University took steps during 1996-97 to develop more fully the Wakehurst Student Center. Starting in August with the

hiring of a new Director of Campus Life, the Center underwent many changes.

Most notable was the complete renovation of the Global Cafe. Once a dark and quiet (and somewhat bland) dining spot, the Global transformed into a student-oriented eatery serving all the food your mom and your cardiac surgeon warned you about. Where once cold sandwiches reigned supreme, students

could now get mozzarella sticks, buffalo wings, grilled chicken sandwiches and hamburgers.

Students also saw the addition of music to both the main lobby and the game room area. The Student Activities Office moved to the Garden Level of the building while the space previously occupied by their office was turned into a comfortable and cozy TV Lounge.



*Wall to wall remodeling. A 'merchandise' sits in the middle of the Global Cafe waiting for final placement.*

*The completed project awaits its first customers. Renovations cost nearly \$100,000.*







*Most of the Global renovations occurred in the food preparation area. SRU carpenters assisted with much of the work.*

*Jackie, the 'late night closing lady', pulls some curly fries out of the new fry-o-lator.*



*Global operations were relocated to the TVLounge during renovations.*



*Students line up at the counter to try the new menu.*



*Alfredo and Erin dine in the International Room.*



Shake your groove thing! SRU students got down at the annual semi-formal.

Kevin 'Sugar Daddy' Canessa '97 mugs for the camera with two lovely escorts.



Seniors Amy Smialowicz and Christina Sempepos and Junior Danielle Carvealle man the cash box for the Student Life Senate.





Mike Dolan '00, ever the gentleman, helps his dance partner up off the floor.



# CITY LIGHTS

## The 1997 Winter Semiformal

A million lights twinkled from above. In the background, attendees could just make out the Manhattan skyline, replete with skyscrapers. Wait a minute...Manhattan skyline? In Newport? Not really, but the extravagant decorations certainly helped to set the tone for a magical evening of dancing in Ochre Court.

Sponsored by the Student Life Senate, this year's winter semi-formal was a smash success. Junior Melissa Cordone chaired the event and did a remarkable job in organizing work crews to cover every aspect

of the dance. Sodexo provided a pleasant offering of appetizers, and the disc jockey service was very good. Although the event was held later in the spring semester than in previous years, students still flocked to the event. It is one of the few events of the year where dressing up for the evening is more of a pleasure than a pain.



The city lights came to the tiny town of Newport for one magical night.... You could almost hear the taxis honking on Fifth Avenue.



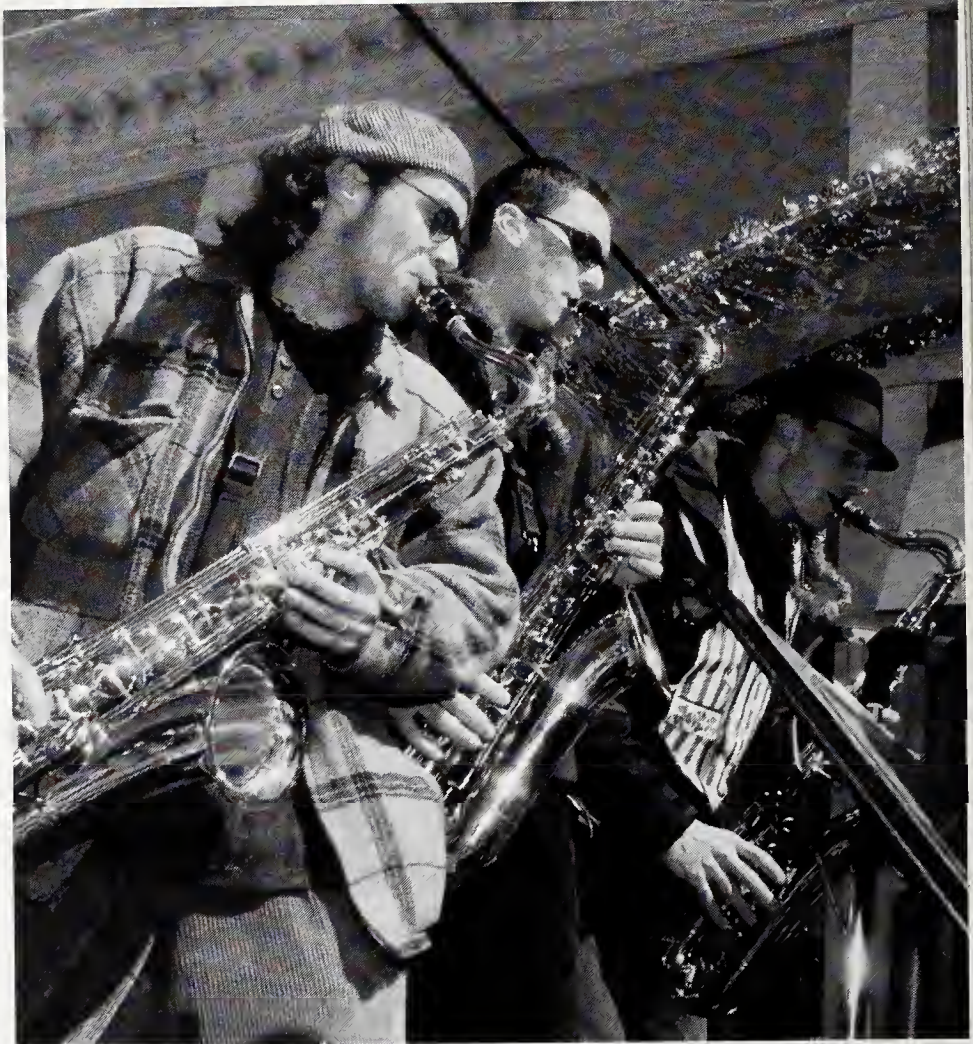
David Minichiello '99 shows his moves.

Students dance below a net full of balloons which was released at the conclusion of the evening.



Despite frigid temperatures and high winds, the horn section continued to blow hot tunes.

Mike Abbott '98 stuffs another square of Mylar into the chicken wire frame of the rainbow float.



Joe Zemruski '97, Todd Mikolop '97 and Christopher Ceo '97 keep on rolling along.

Some of the many students who contributed to making the SRU float a splendid success.







# A Touch of Irish...

For the first time in many years, SRU students were in town for Newport's famed St. Patrick's Day Parade. In previous year's, the University's Spring Break has coincided with this March occurrence. To commemorate this event, SRU students, faculty, maintenance staff and administration combined their talents to produce a festive float that participated in the Parade. Members of the SRU maintenance staff did a remarkable job in constructing a 12' high double rainbow, which students then decorated with shiny mylar paper. The resulting structure looked magnificent. Members of Salve's music organizations climbed aboard the float and proceeded to blast out upbeat tunes for the parade. The float was accompanied by the Salve Seahawk and many volunteers carrying balloons and carnations.





# Spring Weekend

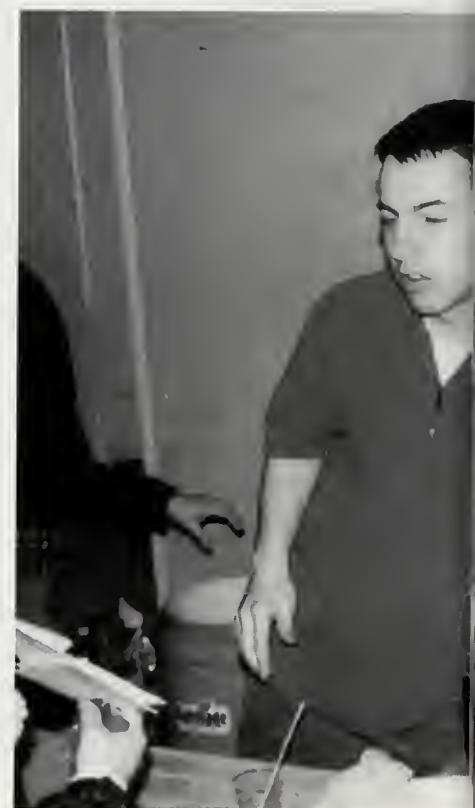
## *Luau Lovers Live Large*

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A sure sign of Spring, and the end of the school year, is the annual Spring Weekend festivities. This year's event surpassed those of recent memory with exciting activities, excellent food and, unusual for Newport, cooperative weather.

The festivities kicked off Thursday with a Karaoke Night in the Wakehurst Van Alen Lounge. Nearly 70 students attended, with most of them taking at least one turn at the microphone. Participants were treated(?) to a copy of their performance on audio cassette.

Friday evening saw the focus shift to the Wakehurst lawn where, under clear and calm skies, students took in two movies shown on a full size movie screen. On Saturday night students hit the gaming tables at a casino night held in Mercy Hall. Many students walked off with fabulous prizes including a stereo system and roller blades. (*cont'd*)







Sophomore Jacquie Ruma takes a bite of grilled corn during the luau on Sunday afternoon.

The weekend came to a close with an afternoon luau cookout on the Boathouse lawn. A few SRU bands led off the day with “Ethel”, a band from upstate New York, taking center stage late in the day. Participants were treated to a luau feast complete with grilled corn, shish kabobs and watermelon.



Sophomore David Minichiello and other members of VIRGO served mocktails during the weekend.

SRU students “roll the bones” at the craps table during the Spring Weekend Casino Night.



# STUDENT LIFE CANDIDS









## *Flying Towards the Future*

For many students at Salve Regina University, there is not enough time in the day to do everything that needs to be done. Twenty-four hours just does not leave enough time for learning and for fun.

Fortunately, some clubs and organizations at Salve appear to have solved this problem. They are both amusing and educational. For example, language clubs not only add to the material already learned in class, but also teach about the culture of that country. The clubs sponsored by each educational department may bring in movies or expert speakers to make the subject come alive for students. The Student Senates, while entertaining, also teach teamwork and problem solving.

These organizations are very important. Besides giving students a chance to socialize, they also prepare students for a successful future after their years at Salve are over.





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CLUBS AND  
ORGANIZATIONS



The Student Housing Senate and the Student Life Senate co-sponsored the 1997 Masquerade Ball. The event was highly successful, with over 200 students in attendance.

# Student SENATES

They are probably as old as the school itself. Three student "senates", designed to give students more direct involvement in the educational process at Salve Regina University. As of the 1997-98 school year, these three organizations will no longer exist. After nearly six months of discussion and planning, a small tri-senate committee unveiled a new Student Government Association structure. The new SGA was ratified in a campus-wide vote in late April, and new executive leadership was elected shortly thereafter.

The three senates will be remembered for their unique efforts at stimulating student interest in academic, housing and social issues. Over the last year the senates planned art trips to Boston, a masquerade ball at Halloween, a political debate and numerous social activities.

It is expected that the new SGA will give students a more unified voice on campus issues and will serve as a valuable resource for representatives on University committees.

**Student senates  
come to an end,  
but hope waits  
in the wings.**





The Student Life Senate sponsored many activities throughout the year including the Wakehurst Haunted House, a popular annual attraction.



Amanda Zusman '98 moderated the student political debate sponsored by the Student Academic Senate. Seniors Todd Mikilop, Kevin Canessa and John Dorsa participated as candidates.





# The Student Nursing Organization (SNO)

SNO offers nursing students interested in developing their potential the opportunity to stimulate professional growth.

Through volunteer health care programs, the members contribute to both the civic

and University communities. The organization works closely with the University Health Services, particularly in helping with the University Blood Drives, while maintaining a close association with the Nursing Department.

This year, the organization ran a number of events for members including cosponsoring a presenter during Hunger

and Homelessness Week and participating in the Wakehurst Haunted House.

The highlight of the year occurred in April when eight students were able to travel to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the NSNA National Convention. The trip was funded in part through the sale of homemade chocolate lollipops and nurses travel bags.



*Members of the Student Nursing Organization volunteered their time to participate in a Health Services Fair sponsored by the YMCA.*

*Eight student members had the opportunity to attend the National Student Nursing Association National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.*







*The Environmental Club was fortunate to bring in a speaker from the very active Greenpeace organization.*

*Students listen attentively at the Greenpeace lecture.*



The Environmental Club contributes to clean up efforts in Newport and throughout southern New England. Additionally, the club supports national organizations such as the IWC and the Sierra Club by volunteering time and money. Speakers, field trips and other campus activities are also part of the club's agenda.

While the club is a relatively new addition to

activities at Salve, they did sponsor a number of events. In April, the group helped to bring a speaker from the Greenpeace organization to campus for a lecture to interested students. The group also held an informal tree-

planting ceremony in early May.

The club hopes to expand activities in the future, including more outdoor adventure trips and community efforts.

## Environmental Club



*Ms. Mary Alice Schweickert serves up bowls of rice during the OxFam Hunger Dinner.*



## What (Else) Is Goin' On?



*Amy Smialowicz '97, Ms. Brenda Miller, Kim Slade '97, Mark Deckett '98 and Sara Cavallaro '98 are all smiles as they get ready to hit the ski slopes. The Student Life Senate sponsored a ski trip to Vermont early in the spring semester.*





*Mr. Chris Jachinowicz, Ms. Mary Alice Schweickert, Ms. Bernice Whitaker, Mr. John Rok, Mr. John Quinn and Mr. James Gubata listen intently to student concerns during an SAS Town Meeting.*



*Lauren Paquin '00 smiles at her good fortune at being selected as an extra in Steven Spielberg's film, "Amistad." Much of the film was shot in Newport during the spring of 1997.*



United States Customs Agent Rod Ryan speaks to interested students and community members during one of the ADJ club's presentations.

Agent Ryan, Andrew Haley '99, President of the ADJ Club and Vice President Brandis Diedrich '98 chat while waiting for the presentation to start.



Seniors Keith Daszkiewicz and Paul Hendricks took advantage of the presentations offered by the club.







Back on track

# The Administration of Justice Club

After a period of relative inactivity, the SRU Administration of Justice Club saw new life in 1997, due in large part to the group's president, Andrew Haley '99. Andrew worked with the Student Activities Office in bringing the club in line with the campus recognition policy, and then began offering programs for ADJ majors and the Salve community.

Among the programs offered were two lectures; one by a member of the DEA's K-9 unit, the other by a member of the U.S. Customs Office. Both events were well planned and offered interesting glimpses into law enforcement.



# Sigma Phi Sigma

**T**hirty-one students were named to Sigma Phi Sigma, the National Mercy

Honor Society, during induction ceremonies on Sunday, February 9. The ceremony, a 41-year tradition at Salve, honors students selected to the society on

the basis of academic excellence and outstanding service to the University community. Sigma Phi Sigma signifies scholarship, fidelity and service.



*Sarah Cavallaro '98 receives the flame of knowledge from Michael Buckley '97 during the Sigma Phi Sigma induction ceremony.*



*Marc Saulnier '97 and Christina Sempepos '97, resplendent in their Sigma Phi Sigma blazers, participate in the induction ceremony.*



*Sigma Phi Sigma members Rita Cutroni '97 and Michael Criss '97 assist with the annual Daffodil Days program*



*Inductee Jen Fallon stands next to outgoing board member, Patricia Austin '97, board member Michelle Brais and Rita Cutroni '97.*





SRU Women's Issues Now

# Take Back the Night

They marched as a sign of solidarity. The second Take Back the Night program at SRU “stepped off” on Friday, April 11, 1997. Designed as a statement against violence, the march involved students, faculty and staff from Salve, as well as a number of participants from other colleges and the community. The group assembled in the Miley Hall parking lot, lighting symbolic candles to carry on the walk. The procession wound around the SRU campus before concluding at Ochre Court. Organizers of the event, as well as participants were then given an opportunity to share their feelings with the crowd. The group then progressed to the Wakehurst Student Center where they warmed up over hot chocolate.







Michelle LaBarre '97, organizer of the Take Back the Night rally, passes the flame to another participant.

Some of the many marchers for the Take Back the Night Rally.



Roxannamaria Calderon addresses the crowd on the stairs at Ochre Court.



## *Rising Over the Competition*

The first year as the “Salve Seahawks” gave students something to cheer about. This increase in school spirit led to a very successful year for all of the athletic teams.

Sports do much more than just foster school spirit. Athletics are an important part of life for many. This facet of life is healthy for the athletes, coaches and the fans.

Besides improving the bodies of the athletes, sports also teaches teamwork, and good sportsmanship. Coaches get to see their players grow and develop. They also get the opportunity to see their own dreams and ideas become realities. And at each game, loyal supporters learn how to be positive, give support and cheer the Seahawks on to yet another win.



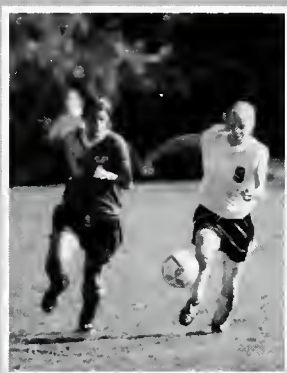


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ATHLETICS



## Soccer seniors turn in impressive final performances

Despite a lackluster won-loss mark (3 wins - 13 losses - 0 ties; 0-1 CCC



Playoffs), the Seahawks produced some outstanding play on the soccer field which was recognized at season's end.

Defender Liz Giantonio '97 and goaltender Rachel "Amazing" Grace '97 were named to the Commonwealth Coast Conference Second Team, recognizing their on the field accomplishments. Patty Austin '97 has been a tough competitor for the Seahawks as well, but she was recognized more for her accomplishments in the classroom ... earning the CCC Scholar-Athlete Award.



*Kim O'Connell '00 executes a perfect steal .*





# WOMEN'S SOCCER

**C**hristin Stearns '00 races  
downfield ahead of a  
Colby-Sawyer College  
defender.



**H**eads up!  
Freshman Kim  
O'Connell  
stretches over  
an opponent to  
head the ball  
away from a  
defender.



**K**elly Keegan '00 leaps heads the ball to Tasha DeVos.

**J**uniors Kelly  
Emmett and Erin  
Sullivan and  
Seniors Patty  
Austin '97 and Liz  
Giantonio '97  
celebrate a hard-  
earned goal.



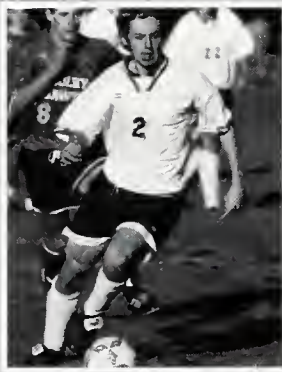
OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Salem State	0	3
Rivier College	3	5
Connecticut College	0	4
MIT	0	3
Emmanuel College	3	1
New England College	4	3
Rhode Island College	2	3
Gordon College	0	4
Nichols College	0	3
Roger Williams	1	5
Anna Maria College	0	1
Regis College	2	0
Endicott College	2	4
Curry College	0	3
Colby-Sawyer	1	3
Roger Williams	0	5
Overall Season Record	3	13





## Seniors lead strong “team of the future”

Despite an influx of new talent, with more than half of the current starters new to the team, the SRU men's



soccer squad emerged as a regional power on the strength of its upperclassmen.

The Seahawks were ranked in the top ten for more than four weeks in the Umbro Select Metro Region Division III Men's Soccer Coaches' Poll.

The team's top three scorers - Brian Ahearn '97, Craig Hughes '97, and Mike Smith '97 - accounted for the game-winning goal in all of the team's record 13 victories. Andrew Cardarelli led the league in goals-against-average and save percentage.

Of course, let's not forget the talented freshmen, as a Salve player grabbed the conference's Rookie of the Year honors for the second straight year. This year a very deserving Mike Mioline took top rookie honors.



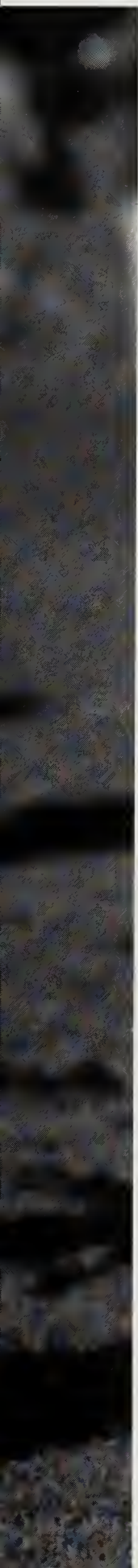




*J*ohn Holt '00  
grimaces after  
colliding with a  
defender.



*J*unior Mike Minicucci maneuvers past a Colby-Sawyer  
defender.



*N*oah Thomas  
'99 lines up a  
free kick.

*G*arrett Palmer '98, intent on stealing the ball, launches  
himself between two Colby-Sawyer players.



OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Medgar Evers	3	1
Wentworth Institute	0	2
Trinity College	3	2
New England College	5	1
Nichols College	2	1
Gwynedd-Mercy	4	0
Alvernia College	5	0
Johnson & Wales	3	0
Roger Williams	1	0
Anna Maria	1	0
Eastern Nazarene	4	3
Rhode Island College	2	1
Connecticut College	0	3
Curry College	2	2(tie)
UMass-Dartmouth	1	1(tie)
Gordon College	3	1
Colby-Sawyer	0	4
Curry College	4	0
Wentworth	0	2
Overall Season Record	13	4

*S*enior Craig Hughes, his face the epitome of determina-  
tion charges down the field with an opponent in hot  
pursuit.

## MEN'S SOCCER



OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
MIT	26	13
Nichols	49	6
Stonehill	17	7
Bentley	38	35
UMASS-Lowell	37	13
Maine Maritime	30	13
Curry	46	19
Assumption	18	0
Western New England	51	0
Union	13	27
Overall Season Record	9	1

# FOOTBALL

Scott Pietrzyk '98 shakes off a defender en route to a big gain.



Players cheer on their teammates with a 'helmets off' salute!

Senior defenseman Tim Sherman reaches for an errant pass.



Junior Patrick Eldridge busts through a host of Western New England College defenders.

The SRU Cheerleading Squad practices a few formations prior to a game.







## Football team soars to undefeated regular season

In only their second season as a member of the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference, the Salve Regina football team won the league title going undefeated (9-0) along the way.



The turning point of the 1996 Salve football season came before the halfway point; the team's fourth game hosting perennial league power, Bentley College.

No time remained on the clock when the Seahawks' Ryan Sornberger '00 lifted a 47-yard field goal through the uprights for a dramatic 38-35 win over the previously undefeated Falcons.

The Seahawks played Union College in the ECAC Northwest Championship game. The Dutchmen defeated the Seahawks, 27-13, but didn't spoil one of the most memorable seasons in the history of Salve Regina athletics.



Coach Coen shares a lighter moment with Patrick Eldridge '98.

*T*eam members listen intently as Head Coach Tim Coen (ECFC Coach of the Year) talks to them after the last regular season game.





Christine  
Leitao '00  
rushes past a  
surprised  
goaltender.

Stephanie Hewitt '99, Kim Slade '97 and Rebecca  
Byrnes '99 celebrate a goal.



Senior Kim  
Slade tees up a  
shot.



Freshman Christine Leitao drives past a Fitchburg State  
College defender.

OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Wheelock	2	0
Manhattanville	3	2
Bryant College	forfeit	
St. Joseph's	3	1
Simmons College	2	3
New England College	3	0
Bridgewater State	2	1
Gordon College	0	3
Framingham State	3	0
Brown (jv)	3	0
Dean College	3	1
Nichols College	0	1
Regis College	1	2
Stonehill	0	3
Wheelock College	1	2
Fitchburg State	1	3
New England College	3	0
Nichols College	0	1
Overall Season Record	11	8

# FIELD HOCKEY





Christina Sempepos '97 drives a shot toward the net as Becky Byrnes '99 rushes in.



## SRU takes Manhattan (again!)

The Manhattanville College field hockey tournament, that is. Stephanie Hewitt '99 scored four goals in two games and earned Most



Valuable Player honors as she led the Seahawks to the championship of the Manhattanville Valiant Classic, a tournament Salve won back in 1994.

Including the tournament championship, the Seahawks flew out of the nest in 1996 with four straight wins and nine out of eleven. A five-game losing skid ended when the team posted back-to-back 3-0 shutouts over Brown University (jv) and New England College. The latter victory was a first-round Commonwealth Coast Conference win.

The team set school records for most points in a season (88) led by Hewitt's ten goals and 21 points. Becky Byrnes '99 tallied eight goals and four assists for 20 points, while Christina Sempepos '97 scored five goals and assisted on eight others for 18 points.

Freshmen standouts Dina Gallo and Christine Leitao totaled ten and eight points respectively on the season, with Leitao providing the game winner versus Bridgewater State College.

Kim Slade '97 had a solid senior campaign, scoring three times and assisting another for seven points.

Goaltenders Tracee Melendez '97 and Tracey Tarinelli '00 each posted 3.5 shutouts in net for the Seahawks.



# Sports Shorts









## Diversity is hallmark of SRU sports program

Ask a student to name three college sports. Most likely they won't list equestrian riding, sailing or cheerleading. Yet at Salve all three are active, and exciting sports activities.

After years of relative obscurity, the cheerleading program got a big boost in 1996 with the purchase of new uniforms and the hiring of a coach. The cheerleading squad supported the football team during their run to the league championship, performing at all home games and some away games.

The sailing program, under the tutelage of Sister Esther Whalen, continues to provide nautically-oriented students with the opportunity to test their skills in intercollegiate competition. Despite rather difficult weather, the sailing team did participate in a number of regattas.

The equestrian team also suffered from the effects of weather, but still had excellent showings at a number of events. Senior Jennifer Dattilo will be sorely missed by next year's team.

Andrew Haley '99 operates the launch that accompanies the sailing team during practice.







*T*he 1996-97

equestrian team:

(top, L-R) L.

Steeves, M. Weikart,

E. Doughty, S.

DeBlasio. (bot. L-R)

Coach Rooster, S.

Cummings, M-L.

Connely, M. Martino,

J. Dattilo.

*A*lmost seems like fun! These students seem to be waiting for a breeze to fill their sails.



*D*espite the chilly fall temperatures, intrepid sailors still cut through the waters of Naragansett Bay.



*C*heerleaders sold "popcorn megaphones" during Fall Family Day to underwrite the cost of new uniforms.



*T*he SRU cheerleaders are all smiles in their new uniforms.

## SRU's "OTHER" SPORTS



OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Siena College	5	4
Siena College	1	8
Franklin Pierce	6	8
Bryant College	3	5
Curry College	2	16
Western Connecticut	14	2
Daniel Webster	4	7
URI	2	9
Worcester Polytechnic	0	4
Johnson & Wales	5	16
Coast Guard	1	7
Daniel Webster	8	12
CCRI	2	10
Johnson & Wales	4	16
URI	0	5
Bryant College	5	6
Coast Guard	5	5(tie)
Franklin Pierce	3	8
Overall Season Record	2	15



*P*layers scramble for a loose puck in front of the Salve net.

*A* Salve defenseman intently watches play up ice.

# ICE HOCKEY

*P*layers scramble for a face-off.



*T*he SRU defense moves in against a fast-skating WPI opponent.







## Transition Year Full of Hard Knocks

Highlights  
from the  
1996-97  
Salve  
Regina ice  
hockey  
season  
(their final  
year as a  
club before  
a move to  
NCAA



Division III varsity status next  
year) were few, but nonetheless  
memorable.

The Seahawks opened the season  
with a thrilling overtime win  
against a Siena team that had  
entered the game unbeaten at 5-0.  
With the teams tied a 4-all less than  
three minutes into the extra session,  
wing Steve Pisani '99 found the net  
with an assist from Dave Voetsch  
'98 and Tom Arnold '99 and Salve  
Regina was the only unbeaten team  
left that night.

In the team's only other victory (as  
depicted by the final score, that is),  
seven players contributed to the  
scoring efforts in a 14-2 romp over  
Western Connecticut. George  
Conway '00 led the way with seven  
points (2 goals, 5 assists) while co-  
captains Jeff Silvetti '97 (4 goals, 2  
assists) and Chris Palmieri (2 goals,  
2 assists) had six and four points  
respectively. Like Silvetti, Brooks  
Johnson '99 turned a hat trick with  
a three-goal performance.

The team's Most Valuable Player,  
goaltender Matt Bria '99, turned in  
solid performances game after  
game despite facing probably more  
shots than any other netminder  
around.



Salve players get their game faces on in the  
locker room prior to a game against Coast  
Guard.







# Sports Shorts





## Standout Play Helps Mediocre Season

No one in the country had more steals per game than Salve Regina men's basketball guard John Gallogly '98. No



one. The third-year player led the team, the league, and the nation in steals per game in 1996-97 with 137 in 24 games (5.7 spg)

The team's leading scorer for the third straight season - Justin Hackley '97 - became the school's all-time leading scorer in basketball in early December when he scored 19 points in a loss at Endicott.

Sean Foster '97 was recognized with perhaps an even greater honor, and that is the Commonwealth Coast Conference Senior Scholar-Athlete Award.

Salve men's basketball received outstanding contributions from its sophomore contingent ... Brett Birkbeck, Jason Cutler, Michael Kane, Kevin Kennedy, and Andrew Unsworth.

*J*ohn Case '98 forces his way past a defender en route to the basket.



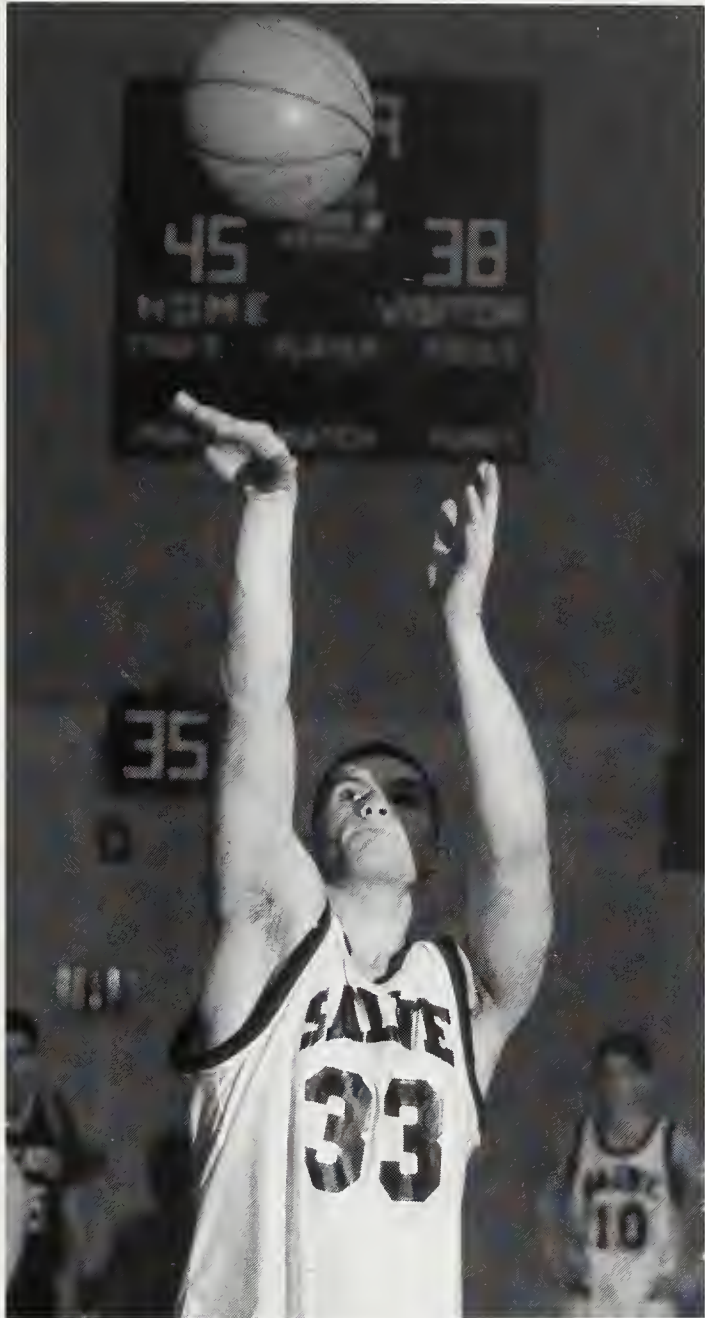
*A* Salve player reaches for some "rare air."





# MEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior Justin Hackley takes a jump shot over the  
outstretched arms of a defender.



OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Notre Dame	84	78
Rivier College	54	63
Worcester Polytechnic	73	83
Endicott College	80	83
Rhode Island College	82	104
Connecticut College	80	97
Johnson & Wales	95	80
Amherst College	81	84
Nichols College	82	70
Suffolk University	89	75
Curry College	84	82
Colby-Sawyer	53	96
Wentworth Institute	64	89
Roger Williams	60	56
Gordon College	90	80
Mass Pharmacy	97	43
Eastern Nazarene	72	89
New England College	74	71
Roger Williams	107	74
Wentworth institute	61	73
Anna Maria College	81	91
Curry College	88	73
Anna Maria College	78	98

*F*ree throws

can make or

break a game.

Overall Season Record	11	13
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*S*ean Foster

'97 puts a move

on his man.



# Sports Shorts









## Women's Tennis Stays Competitive

Their school record 26-match winning streak was snapped in the first contest of the season, against Division II Stonehill, but the Seahawks quickly ran off a string of seven straight wins including a 5-4 nail biter over Connecticut College.

Maryann Caulfield '97, who's held the top singles position all four years at Salve, opened her final season with eight straight singles triumphs, including a three-setter over a Stonehill opponent that had beaten her twice previously. She finished her remarkable career with 54 singles triumphs, all at the top flight, and 22 wins in doubles play.

Anissa Prefontaine '98 teamed with Heather Deibel '00 to capture the doubles flight at the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament for the second straight season. Botum Bou '00, second on the team in singles wins, and Melissa Lamb '98 were finalists at the third and fourth singles flights respectively at the CCC Championships.

At Flight #2, Christen Barrasso '98 won three matches in straight sets, dropping just six games along the way to capturing the conference's flight championship.

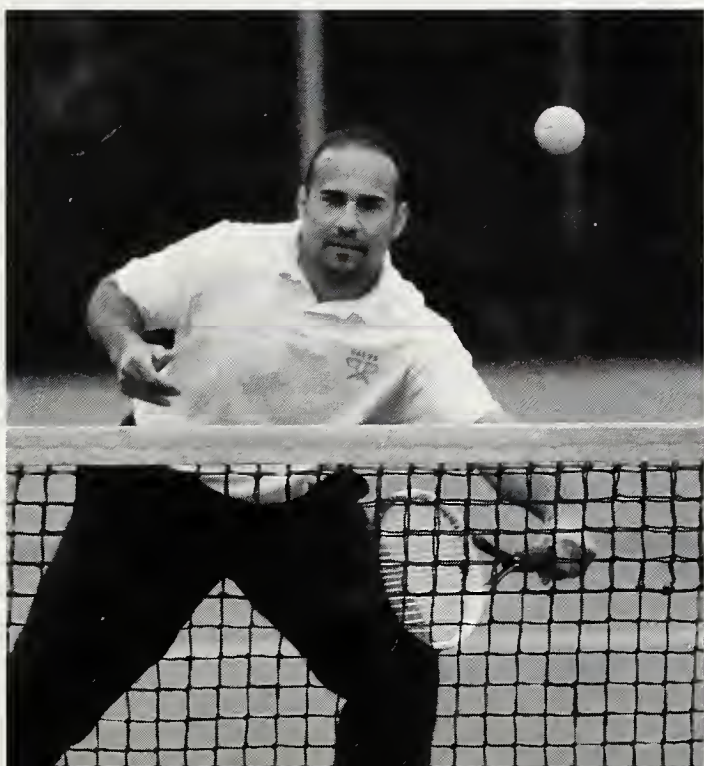
Tina Cooper '00 and Kelly Hannon '98, doubles pair for most of the season, led the Commonwealth Coast Conference in doubles winning percentage.





# TENNIS

Senior Maryann Caulfield delivers a two-handed return during tennis practice.



*E*dward  
Habershaw,  
women's tennis  
coach.

*J*ohn Picozzi  
'97 rushes the  
net. John  
finished his  
college career  
as the league's  
singles  
champion.

## Women's Tennis

OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Stonehill College	4	5
Wentworth Institute	9	0
Rhode Island College	7	2
Tennis Hall of Fame	Tie for 1st	
Grass Court Doubles	3rd/7	
Bridgewater State	8	1
Eastern Nazarene	9	0
Connecticut College	5	4
Gordon College	9	0
Nichols College	8	1
Bates College	3	6
Roger Williams	8	1
Colby-Sawyer	2	7
Worcester Polytechnic	9	0
Regis College	9	0
UMass-Dartmouth	4	5
Curry College	9	0
Bryant College	4	5
CCC Championships	2nd/9	
Overall Season Record	11	5

## Men's Tennis

OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Suffolk University	4	4(tie)
Colby-Sawyer	6	3
Wheaton	0	7
Roger Williams	7	2
Rhode Island College	5	4
Gordon College	5	4
Curry College	9	0
Wentworth Institute	9	0
URI	1	8
CCC Championships	1st/8	
Johnson & Wales	1	8
Bridgewater State	ppd	
UMASS-Dartmouth	2	7
Overall Season Record	6	4



*Two Salve students display their enthusiasm for University athletics; or is this a new health craze?*



## SOFTBALL

OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Regis College	0/3	5/2
Univ. of New England	9/3	5/6
Nichols College	3	2
Anna Maria College	10	2
Curry College	1/6	0/1
Eastern Nazarene	10	2
Gordon College	10	2
Johnson & Wales	9	1
Roger Williams	4	19
Wentworth Institute	10/8	1/1
New England College	10/9	0/5
CCC Tournament		
Overall Season Record	13	3

## BASEBALL

OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
Eastern Nazarene	9	6
Colby-Sawyer	2/4	7/4(tie)
Anna Maria	17/16	4/6
Rhode Island College	8	20
WPI	12	11
Babson College	14	20
Curry College	2/5	8/1
Johnson & Wales	10	11
Gordon College	13	2
Mass. Pharmacy	4/7	2/0
Coast Guard	3	1
Roger Williams	13	9
Mass. Maritime	16	5
Wentworth Institute	3/8	4/9
CCC Tournament		
Overall Season Record	11	7





# Spring *Scoreboard*

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Despite hectic academic schedules, last minute assignments and the rites of Spring (i.e., enjoying warmer weather and just being out-of-doors), Salve Regina University athletes still found time to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

The varsity softball and baseball teams traveled to Florida over the spring break to begin (literally) warming up for the season. Baseball finished the southern swing with a 2-4-1 record, while the softball team fared a little better at 4-3-0.

Varsity track and field suffered the effects of a wet spring thaw, with many of their meets being postponed or cancelled. Nonetheless, four women and one man qualified for the Division III Championships.

The emerging lacrosse program, a varsity sport for little over one year, suffered some difficult defeats as the program looked to gain strength. The program will continue to build as the University looks to an on-campus athletic complex.



Concentration is the key for Senior Nicole Johnson.



Sophomore  
Michelle Ring  
dribbles past a  
UMASS-Amherst  
defender.



OPPONENT	SRU	OPP
North Adams State	69	61
Montclair State	63	89
Rhode Island College	64	87
Pine Manor College	72	52
Connecticut College	84	93
Worcester Polytechnic	60	74
Wheaton College	61	64
Coast Guard	61	68
Nichols College	67	48
Regis College	59	71
Curry College	74	63
Colby-Sawyer	74	81
Wentworth Institute	65	75
Roger Williams	56	63
Gordon College	76	78
Regis College	55	92
Eastern Nazarene	69	70
New England College	74	44
Roger Williams	80	59
Wentworth Institute	81	66
Anna Maria College	71	75
Curry College	69	62
Eastern Nazarene	59	48
Gordon College	51	56
Overall Season Record	9	15

Michelle Ring  
'99 lets go with  
a free throw.



Catherine Judge '99 goes in for a lay-up.

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



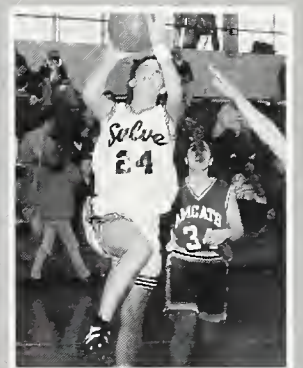


Carrie MacLellan '00 rips down a rebound.



## Individual Athletes Put up Impressive Numbers

Before the 1996-97 season, no individual women's basketball player at Salve Regina had scored more than 372 points. This year, second-year guard Alyssa Ricci '99 eclipsed the single-season scoring record when she poured in 387 points (averaging 16.1 points per game). Ricci accomplished this feat while hitting a school-record 35 shots from behind the three-point arc.



Nicole Johnson, playing in her final season for Salve Regina, posted career-highs in points (431), scoring average (18.0 ppg), and rebounding average (12.5 rpg). The senior captain was truly a leader on the court when the conference schedule began and picked her game up to another level.

The women's basketball season include a career-high 23-point, 10-rebound effort from second-year guard Michelle Ring '99 in the Seahawks' 80-59 win over the Hawks from Roger Williams.



# **SRU 1997 Sports Banquet**

## **Honorees**

### **REGIONAL AWARDS**

#### **GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American**

Justin Hackley - Football

#### **All-New England**

Jim Callahan - Football

Justin Hackley - Football

#### **All-ECAC**

Jim Callahan - Football

Justin Hackley - Football

Matt Moylan - Football

#### **ECAC Scholar-Athlete**

Patricia Austin - Soccer

Michael Smith - Soccer

#### **All-Region**

Emily Doughty - Equestrian

Maria San Martino - Equestrian

#### **RIAIW Distinguished Athlete**

Tara Lambert - Tennis, Softball

### **SENIOR SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS**

Patricia Austin (English)

Hillary Barlow (Math, Management)

Mike Buckley (History, ADJ)

Laura Carroll (Education)

Mary-Liz Conley (Accounting)

Sean Foster (English)

Liz Giantonio (Criminal Justice)

Glen Gustafson (ADJ, Politics, Philosophy)

Justin Hackley (Finance)

Steve Haley (Finance)

Ray Jackson (Education)

Nicole Johnson (Economics, ISS)

Lisa Julien (Biology)

Tara Lambert (Education)

Steven Magno (Education)

Doug Mello (Accounting)

Brian Murray (Criminal Justice)

Marc Saulnier (Accounting)

Alexis Selby (History, Education)

Christina Sempepos (Psychology, Math)

Ed Shea (Management)

Kim Slade (Nursing)

Amy Smialowicz (Biology, Chemistry, Math)

Mike Smith (Criminal Justice)



## CONFERENCE AWARDS

### Football

Jim Callahan - Player of the Year  
Glen Gustafson - 1st Team  
Justin Hackley - 1st Team  
Jallah Leonard - 1st Team  
Brian Murray - 1st Team  
Trae Minicucci - 1st Team  
Matt Moylan - 1st Team  
Tim Sherman - 1st Team  
Ryan Sornberger - 1st Team  
Brian Stabile - 1st Team  
John Perry - 2nd Team  
Kevin Corrado - Honorable Mention  
Joe Mangano - Honorable Mention  
Rocco Santurri - Honorable Mention

### Women's Soccer

Patricia Austin - Scholar-Athlete  
Liz Giantonio - 2nd Team  
Rachel Grace - 2nd Team

### Women's Basketball

Nicole Johnson - 1st Team  
Alyssa Ricci - 2nd Team

### Softball

Tara Lambert - 1st Team  
Kerrie Robbins - 2nd Team

### Men's Basketball

Sean Foster - Scholar-Athlete  
John Gallogly - 1st Team  
Justin Hackley - 2nd Team

### Baseball

Steve Haley - 1st Team  
Ray Jackson - 2nd Team  
Ed Shea - 2nd Team

### Women's Tennis

Christen Barrasso - Flight Champ./#2 sing.  
Botum Bou - Flight Runner-up/#3 singles  
Melissa Lamb - Flight Runner-up/#4 sing.  
Heather Deibel - Flight Champion/doubles  
Anissa Prefontaine - Flight Champ./doubles

### Men's Tennis

John Picozzi - Flight Champion/#1 singles  
David Hawkes - Flight Runner-up/#3 sing.  
Paul Halpin - Flight Runner-up/#4 singles  
Sal Cipriati - Flight Champion/doubles  
Kevin Rourke - Flight Champion/doubles

### Men's Soccer

Brian Ahearn - 1st Team  
Michael Smith - 1st Team  
Craig Hughes - 2nd Team  
Mike Mioline - Rookie of the Year



# Soaring to New Heights

So much has happened in these four short years at Salve Regina University. Some friendships have grown and blossomed, while others have fallen apart. We have all grown from our successes, and learned from our defeats. Through it all, we have been together.

Experiences within the classroom, and throughout the community have built up our character, and taught us many important lessons for life.

During our time here at Salve, we have had parents, coaches, professors and friends who have been extremely supportive. They have cheered us on, and helped us through our struggles. They encouraged us to soar above and beyond our potential.

And now, even though we won't be together as a class, we will always be together in our hearts. We will forever have the memories of these past four years. So, as we go our separate ways, we only need to look to the sky, and remember to reach for the stars. With hard work and determination, all of our dreams for the future can come true.





*Soaring*





*Temnit Afework*

Judicial Administration  
Information Systems Science

Silver Spring, Maryland



*Brian Ahearn, Jr.*

Information Systems Science

Middletown, Rhode Island



*Radley Anderson*

American Studies

Bristol, Rhode Island



*Patricia Austin*

Professional Writing

Sparta, New Jersey



*Fawn Baesemann*

Nursing

Portsmouth, Rhode Island



*Thomas Bates*

Photography

West Bridgewater, Massachusetts





*Matthew Baxendale*

*Psychology*

**Riverside, Connecticut**



*Margaret Bean*

*Nursing*

**Westfield, Massachusetts**



*Lauren Blann*

*Nursing*

**Westwood, New Jersey**



*John Bruun*

*Speech Communication*

**East Providence, Rhode Island**



*Michael Buckley*

*European History*  
*Administration of Justice*

**Brooklyn, New York**



*Peter Burnham*

*Philosophy*

**Palos Verdes Estates, California**





*Danielle Caldarone*

*Social Work*

**Cranston, Rhode Island**



*Sean Calvo*

*Sociology*

**Reading, Massachusetts**



*Shannon Cambal*

*Human Resource Management*

**West Yarmouth, Massachusetts**



*Annamarie  
Cappabianca*

*Sociology*

**East Hartford, Connecticut**



*Suzanne Carbone*

*Financial Management*

**Bristol, Rhode Island**



*Laura Carroll*

*Elementary Education*

**Scituate, Massachusetts**





*Brenda Cales*

*Health Services Administration*

Groton, Connecticut



*Maryann Caulfield*

*Biology*

Marshfield, Massachusetts



*Christopher Coo*

*Marketing*

Smithtown, New York



*Jennifer Chader*

*Special Education*

Old Tappan, New Jersey



*Julie Chick*

*Information Systems Science*

Poland, Maine



*Lori Chieka*

*Nursing*

Waterford, Connecticut





*Douglas Ciarleglio*

*Microbiology*

Prospect, Connecticut



*Susan Clark*

*Marketing*

Summit, New Jersey



*Michael Criss*

*Finance & Marketing*

Harwinton, Connecticut



*Steven Criss II*

*Journalism &  
Speech Communication*

Harwinton, Connecticut



*Aimee Croke*

*Politics*

Warren, Rhode Island



*Shannon Cummings*

*Social Work*

Barrington, Rhode Island





*Amy Curtis*

*Special Education*

**Dracut, Massachusetts**



*Rita Cutroni*

*Health Services Administration*

**Belmont, Massachusetts**



*Brian D'Amico*

*Law Enforcement*

**Cranston, Rhode Island**



*Keith Daszkiewicz*

*Law Enforcement*

**North Kingstown, Rhode Island**



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**Old Greenwich, Connecticut**



*Tara DelRosso*

*Social Work*

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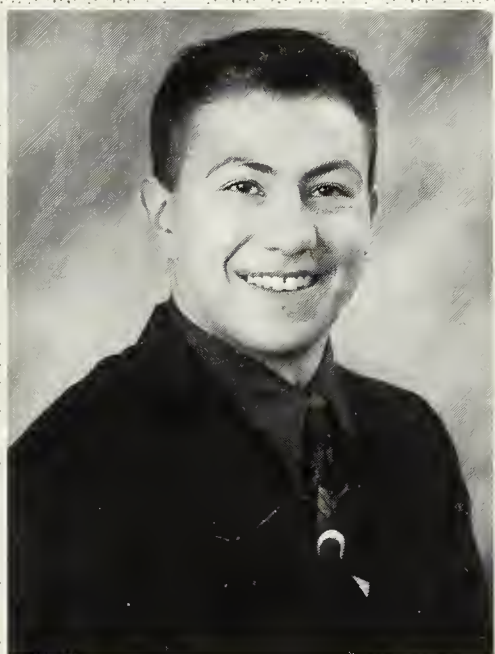
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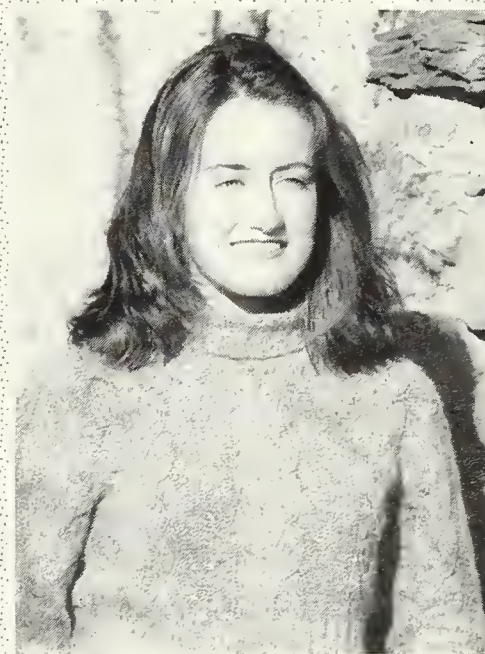
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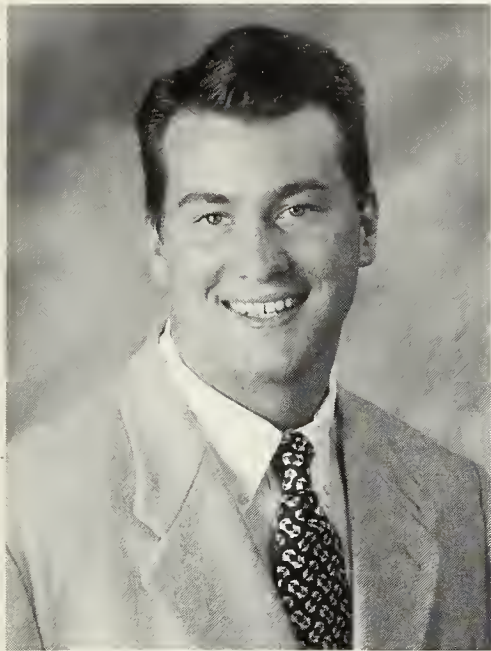


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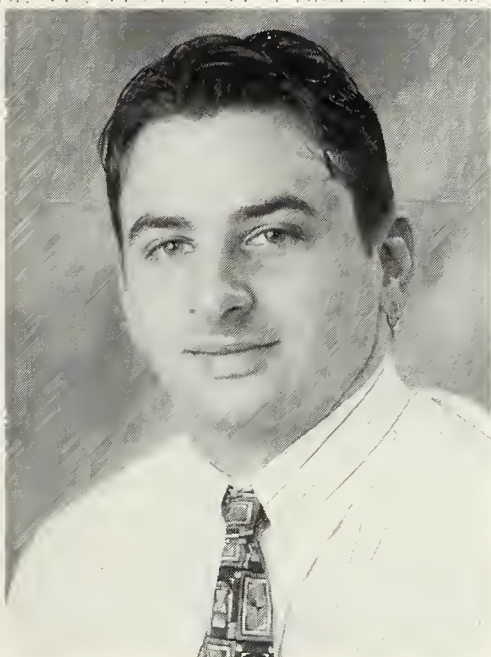
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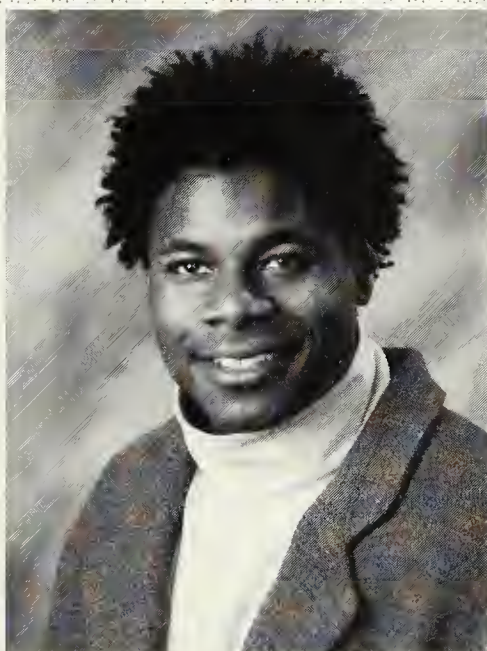
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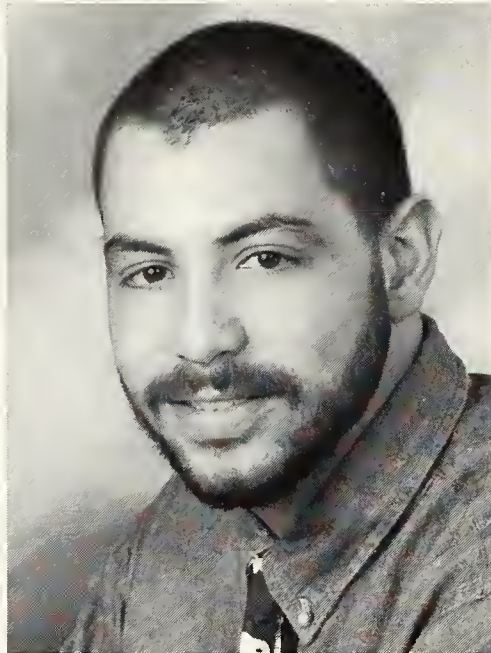




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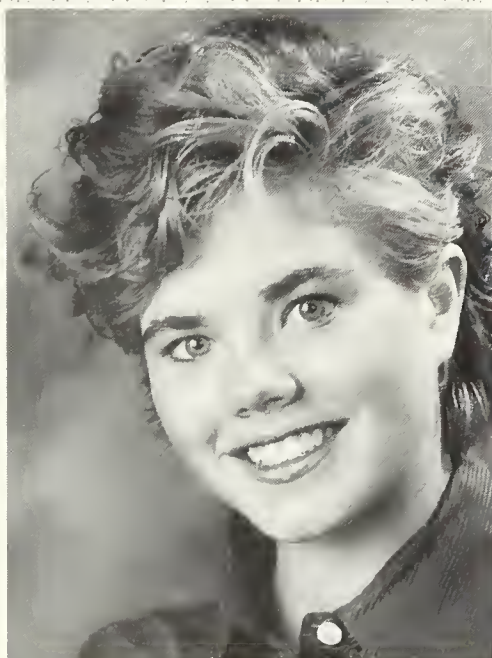
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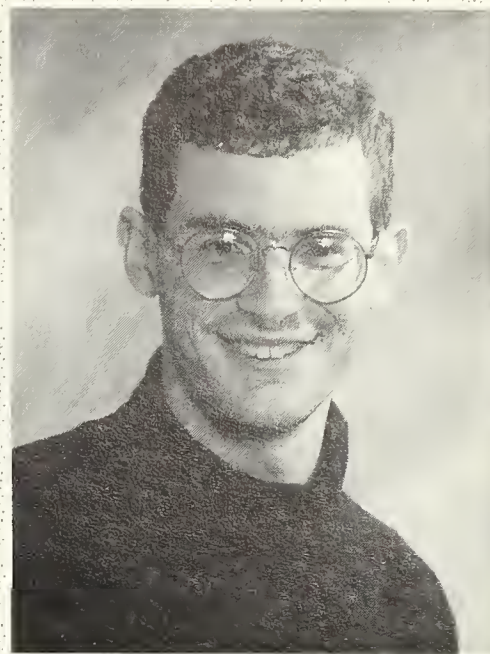
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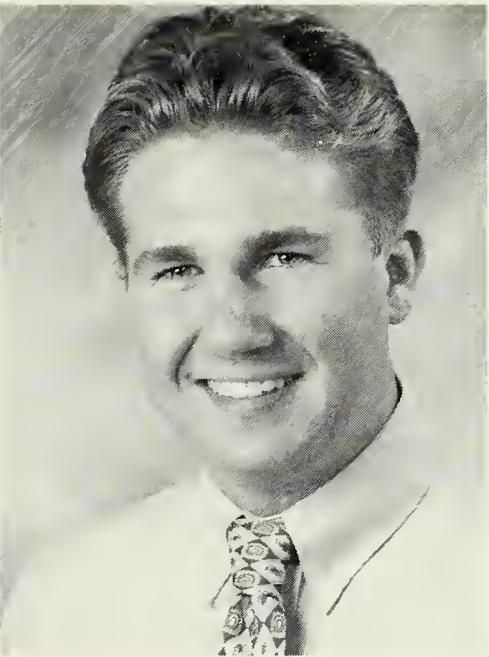
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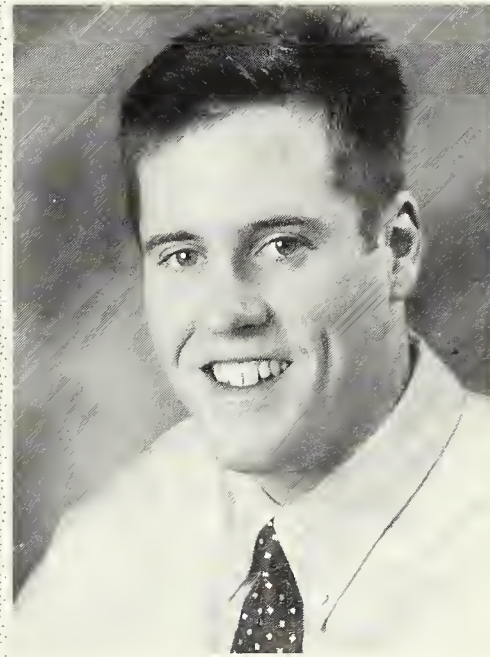
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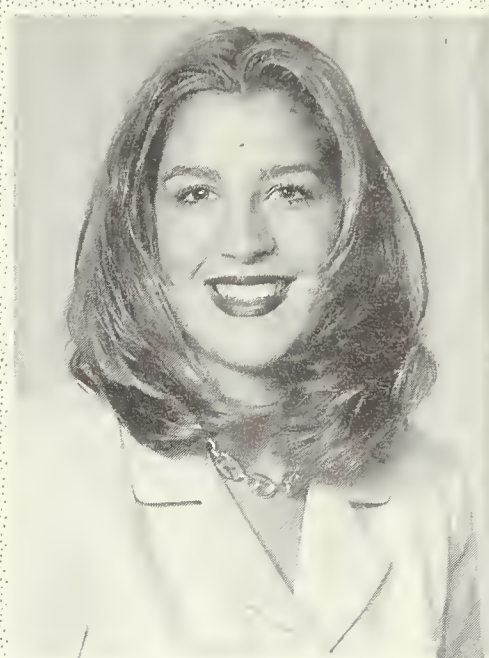
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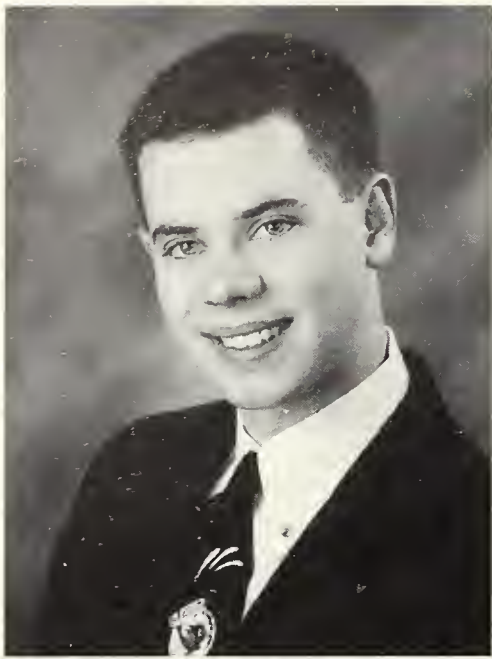


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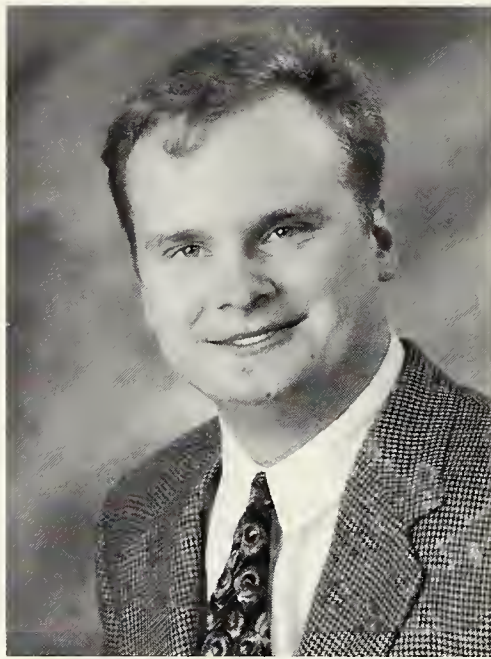




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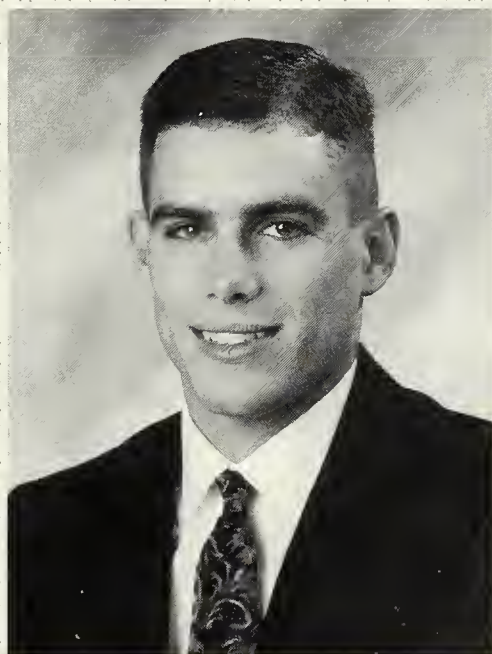


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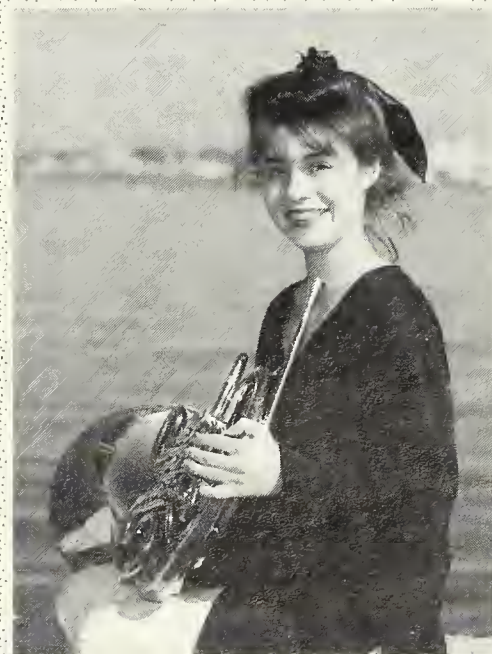
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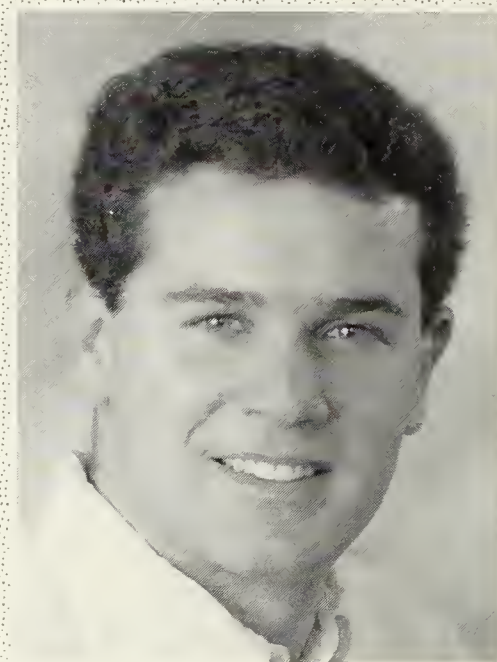
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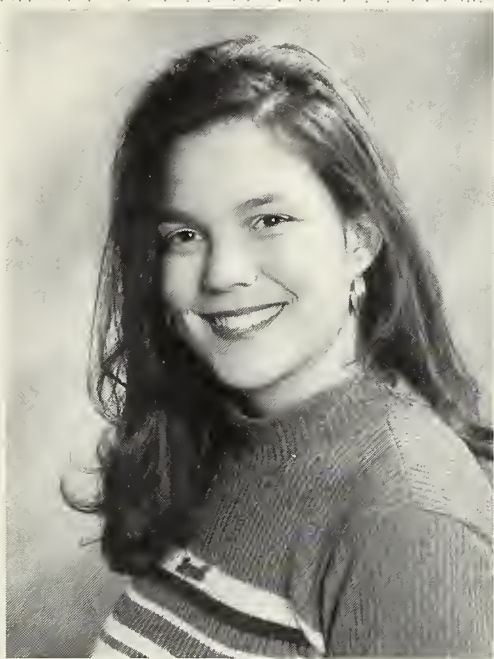


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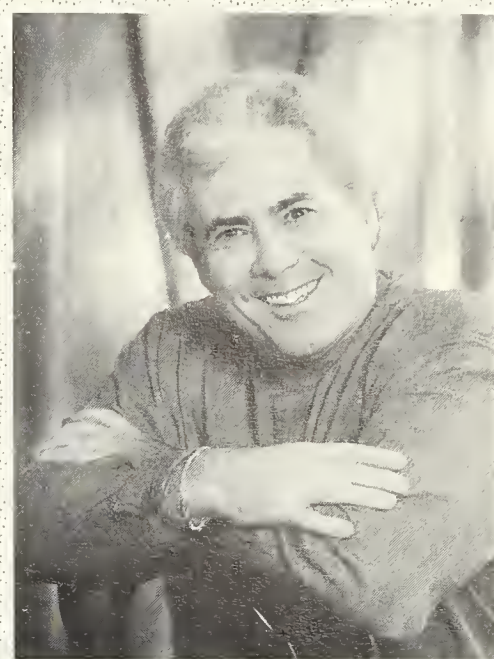
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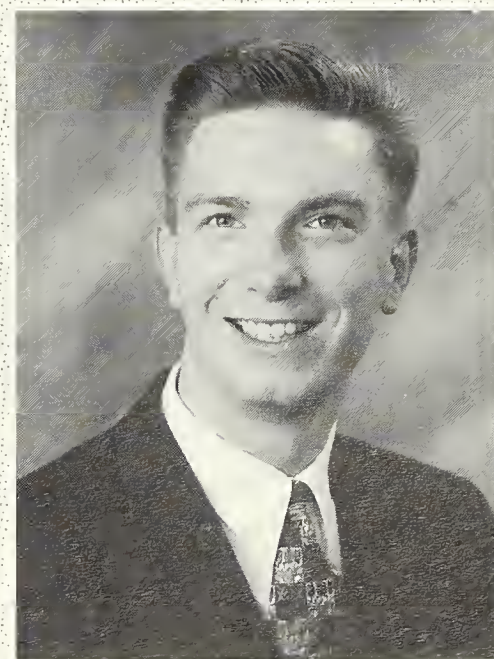
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As the weeks of steady rainstorms turned into months, farmland, cities and towns in the Midwest suffered flooding of historic proportions. The Great Flood of '93 is the second-costliest natural disaster on record in the U.S., causing more than \$12 billion in damage.

It was a difficult year for Southern California residents. In the fall, brush fires swept over 200,000 acres, causing about \$1 billion damage. In January, an earthquake shook Los Angeles, destroying thousands of homes, closing freeways, and shutting down many schools. The quake, measuring 6.6, caused 57 deaths and an estimated \$30 billion damage.



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Saying, "I have nothing more to prove," Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan announced his retirement from the NBA. The announcement ended a roller coaster year during which his team captured another league championship, he was accused of having a gambling problem, and his father was murdered.



Photo by Tielemans / DUOMO

Toronto Blue Jay Joe Carter hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning of the sixth game of the World Series to defeat the Philadelphia Phillies. The come-from-behind victory clinched their second straight World Championship, four games to two.

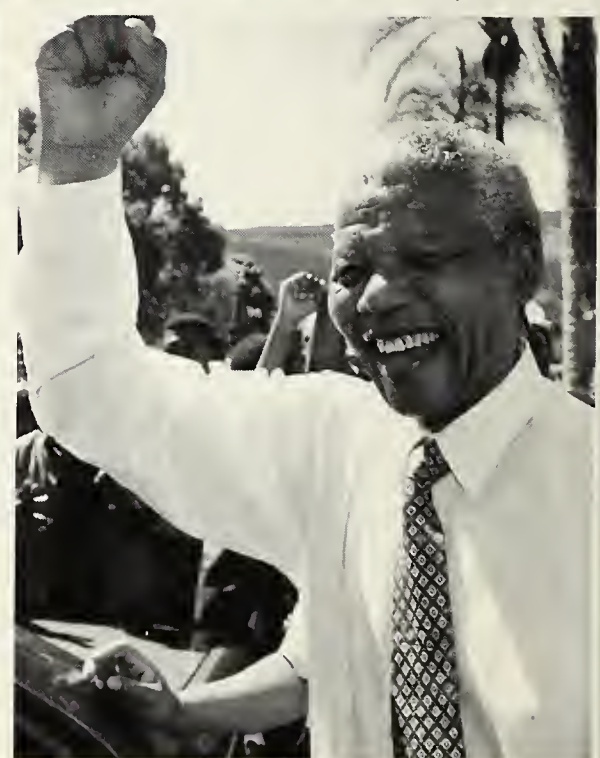


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Nelson Mandela and South Africa President F. W. de Klerk shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their roles in ending apartheid in their country.



# Retrospective

*An overview of events and personalities of the year*



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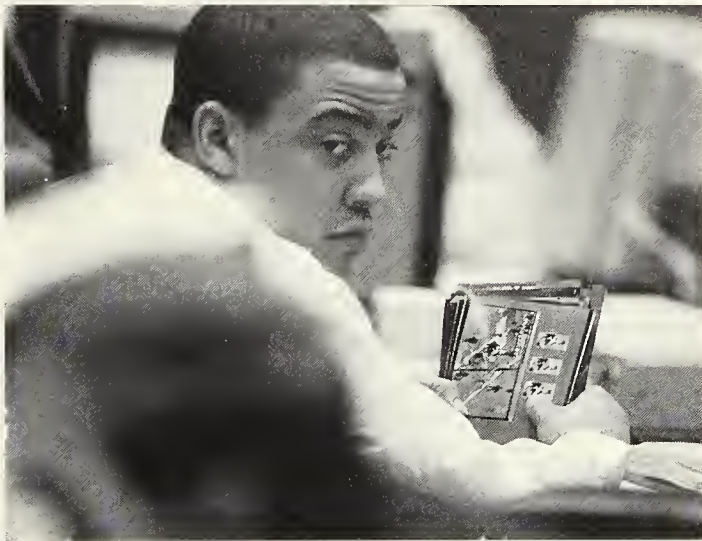


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Saying their clients had been influenced by a mob mentality during the 1992 LA riots, lawyers for Damian Williams and Henry Watson won attempted murder acquittals in the Reginald Denny beating trial.

Steven Spielberg's Jurassic Park proved to be popular with moviegoers as it became the highest-grossing movie of all time with \$712 million in ticket sales, eclipsing another of his films, E.T.



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PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came together in Washington, D.C., and with the stroke of their pens and a handshake started the peace process in motion.

A train plunged into a bayou north of Mobile, Ala., shortly after a runaway barge struck the bridge supports, killing 47 in the worst accident in Amtrak's history.



Photo by Feldman / Kern / SYGMA

Faced with allegations that he sexually abused a 13-year-old boy, Michael Jackson ended his world-wide "Dangerous" concert tour and sought treatment for drug addiction.



**In an election that many** political experts said reflected the anger and disillusionment of Americans with the Washington establishment, voters refused to return many incumbent Democrats to office. Not a single Republican member of the United States Senate or House was defeated. The Republican Party gained control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years. Even the speaker of the house, Tom Foley, was defeated—something that had not happened to the holder of that office in more than 130 years.

**Last-minute negotiations** conducted by former President Jimmy Carter, Sen. Sam Nunn and retired Gen. Colin Powell enabled the U.S. to avoid a bloody invasion of Haiti and to restore elected President-in-exile Jean-Bertrand Aristide to office. Eventually, 20,000 troops entered the country to maintain order and to aid in the transition of power from the island's military rulers to Aristide. The settlement, which allowed the military leaders to leave the country, and Carter's role received mixed reactions back in the U.S.

**The discovery of the** bodies of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, and the football legend's arrest touched off a barrage of media coverage that captivated the attention of much of the world. The murder trial, which began in January, was marked by complicated legal maneuvers and expected to last for months.



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**With a knockout punch** in the 10th round, 45-year-old George Foreman claimed the WBA heavyweight boxing title from Michael Moorer, making Foreman the oldest man to win the championship.

**A massive earthquake** devastated the city of Kobe, Japan on Jan. 17. The earthquake, which measured 7.2 on the Richter scale, left nearly 5,000 dead and hundreds of thousands homeless.

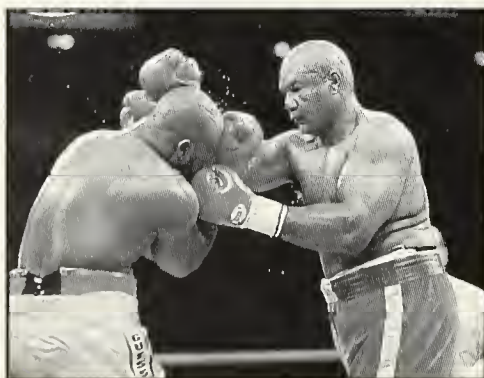


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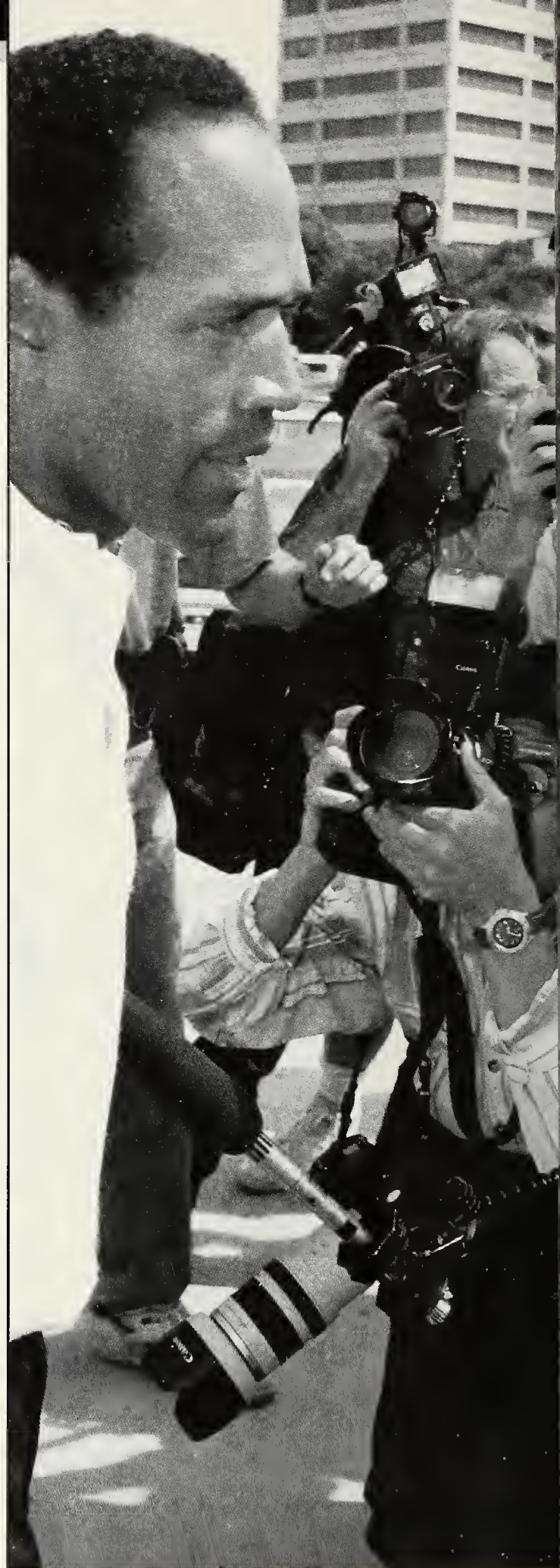


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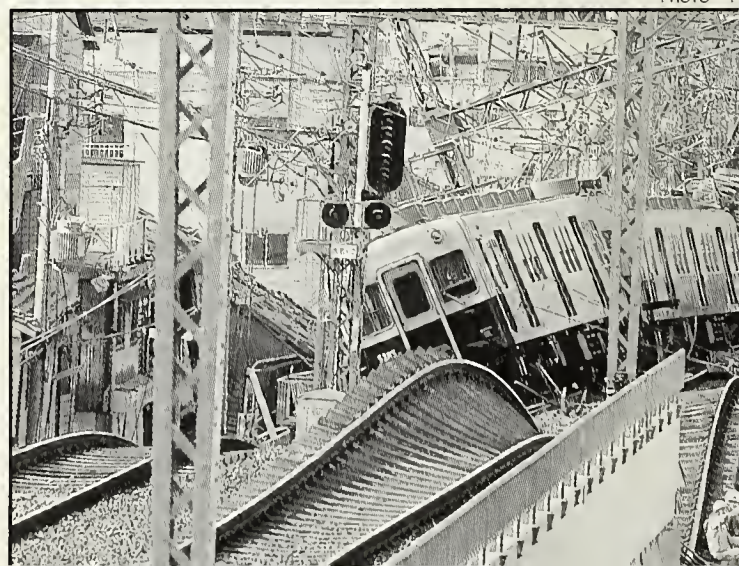


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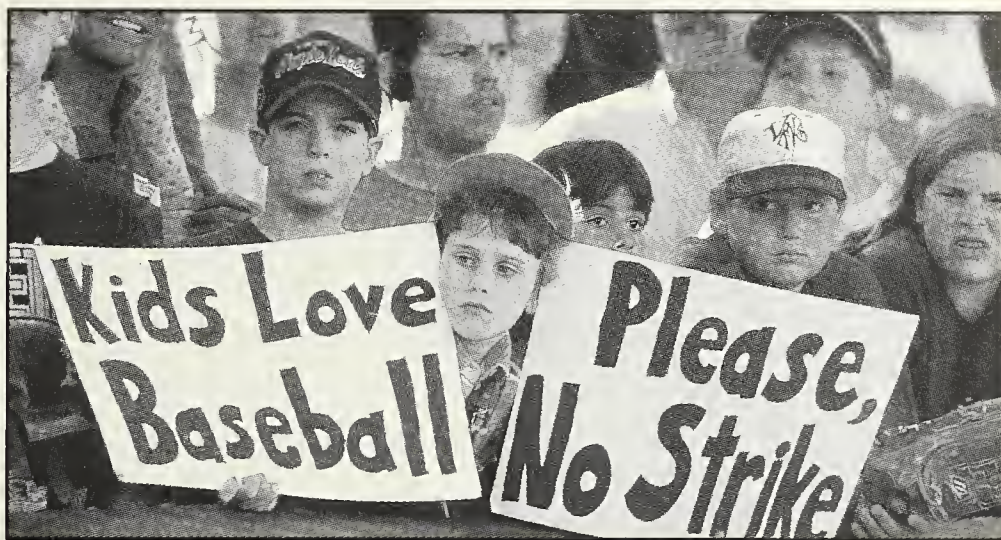


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**Pleas from fans to “play ball”** fell on deaf ears as major league baseball players and owners failed to resolve their differences over instituting a salary cap. Quests to set new batting records came up short when the season ended in August and the World Series was cancelled. Talks between players and owners continued sporadically throughout the winter, but spring training began in 1995 with replacement players and no end to the strike in sight.

**Expected to be an** early victim of the television rating wars, *ER* surprised even its own network by capturing more than 30 percent of the Thursday night viewers with its fast-paced, emergency room drama.



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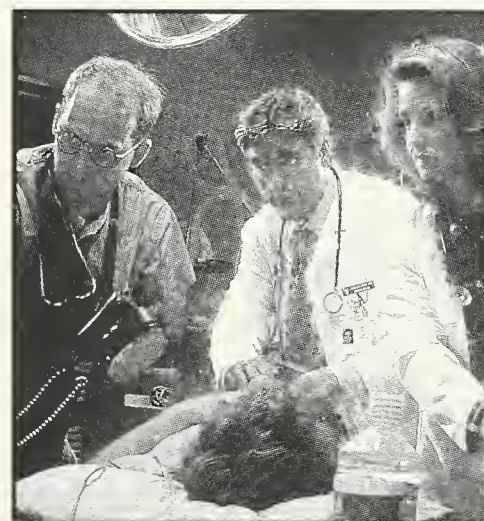


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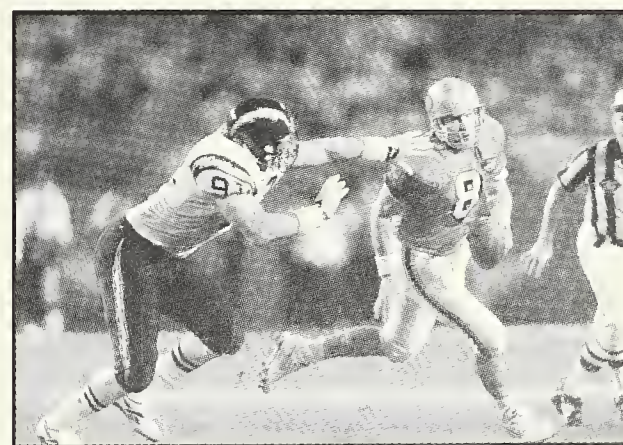


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**From a park bench** in Savannah, Ga., *Forrest Gump*, played by Tom Hanks, charmed critics and audiences alike, and garnered 13 Academy Award nominations.

**When Susan Smith**, Union, S.C., tearfully begged on national television for the safe return of her “kidnapped” children, the country wept with her. When she later confessed to killing her two sons, the nation was stunned and struggled to understand why.



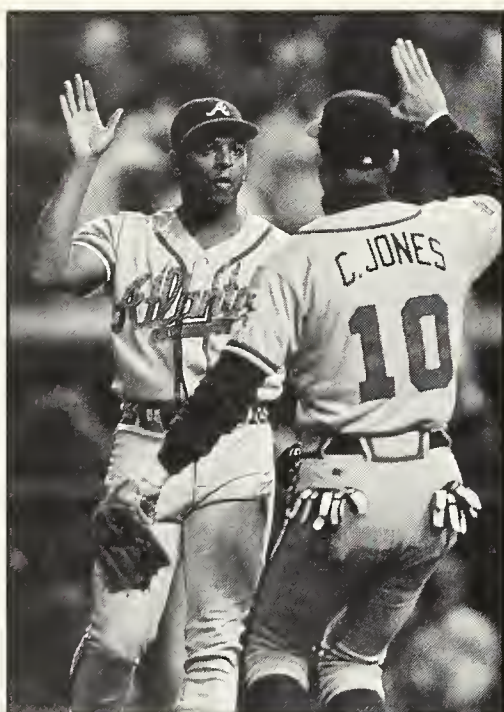
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**Super Bowl XXIX** continued the string of wins by the NFC, as the San Francisco 49ers defeated the San Diego Chargers, 49-26. The win was San Francisco’s fifth Super Bowl victory, the most by any NFL team.

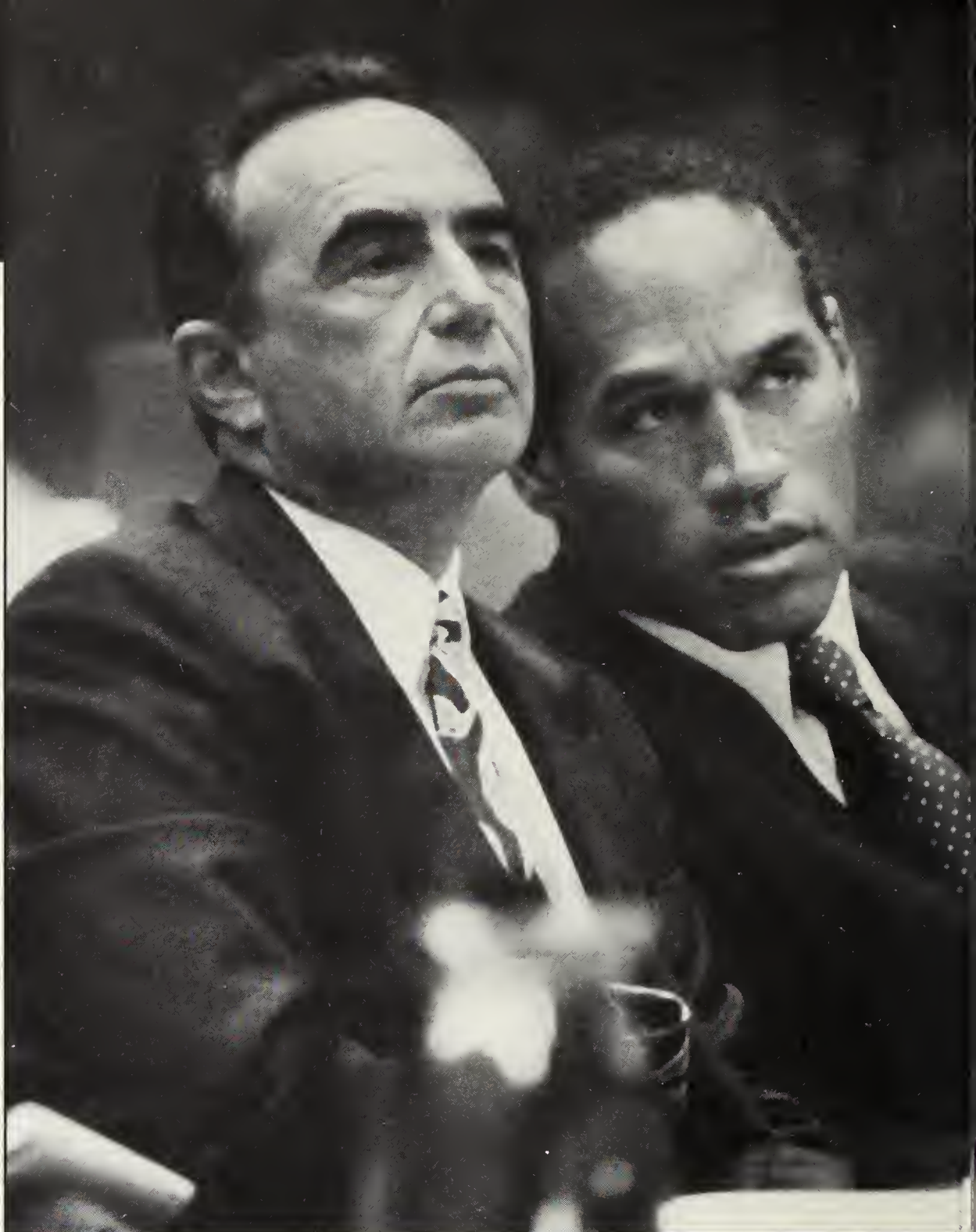


**After a nine-month trial**, a jury took only three hours to acquit O.J. Simpson of the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. The decision divided the country largely along racial lines. Simpson, who still faced civil suits filed by the families of the victims, vowed to search for the real killer.

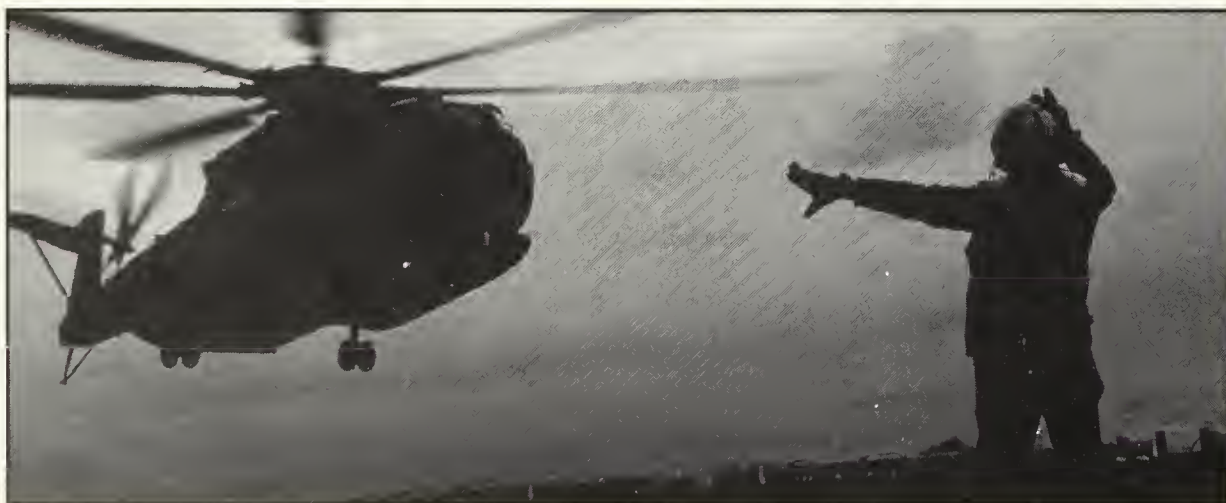
**In six games**, the Atlanta Braves defeated the Cleveland Indians for the 1995 World Series title. Braves pitcher Tom Glavine was named the Series MVP.



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**Despite a lack of support from Congress**, President Clinton deployed 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping mission, after Balkan leaders signed a treaty to end the civil war.

**Toy Story**, the first full-length film to be made completely with computer animation, garnered rave reviews from critics and audiences alike as one of the top movies of 1995.



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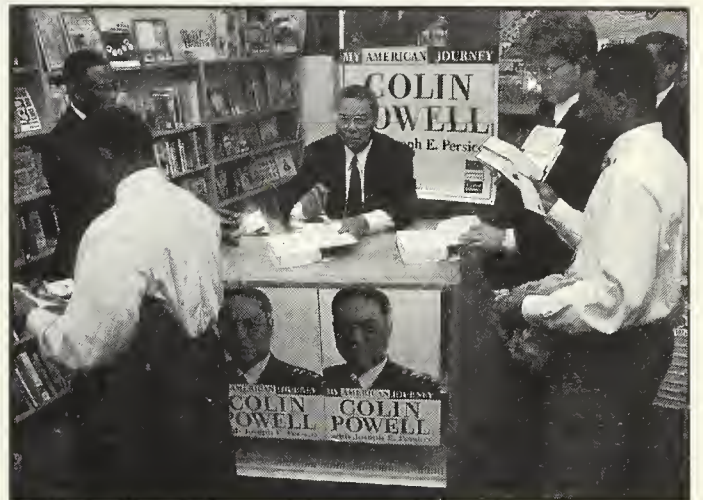
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**Citing the stress** brought on by two and a half years of legal battles, Shannon Faulkner left the Citadel after only five days. Faulkner, who had fought to be the first woman admitted to the all-male military school, spent most of her first week in the infirmary, suffering from heat exhaustion.

**Retired Gen. Colin Powell** toured to support his book, *My American Journey*, while the country wondered if he would make the run for the presidency in 1996. Powell announced in November that he would not run at this time, but did not rule out any future political endeavors.



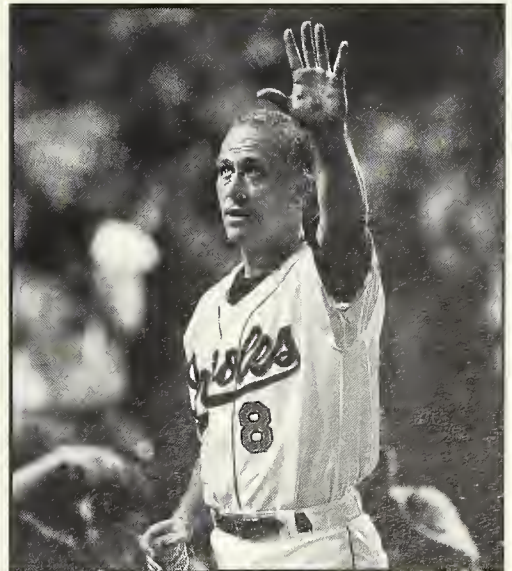
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**Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin** was assassinated in October by a Jewish extremist. In the square where the assassination took place, thousands paid homage to the slain leader.

**Nearly a million African-American men** gathered in Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March, a call for "atonement and reconciliation."



PHOTO—DOUG PENSINGER / ALLSPORT

**A record 13 years in the making** — Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played. Many looked at Ripken's streak as an antidote for fans who were disgruntled by the recent baseball strike.



**U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug epitomized the Olympic spirit for many.** After falling on her first vault in the women's team competition and injuring her ankle, and unsure whether her score was needed to capture a gold medal for the U.S. team, Strug landed her second vault. The U.S. won a total of 101 medals.

**Perhaps the best-kept secret of the year** was the September wedding of John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Carolyn Bessette. Only 40 guests were invited to the intimate ceremony on Cumberland Island, Ga., and everyone involved signed an agreement of confidentiality. The couple's return to New York thrust them back in the spotlight, and tabloid reports of marital strain soon followed.



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**Rap artist Tupac Shakur** was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas in September. Shakur, whose violent "gangsta" image was reflected in both his life and music, was 25.

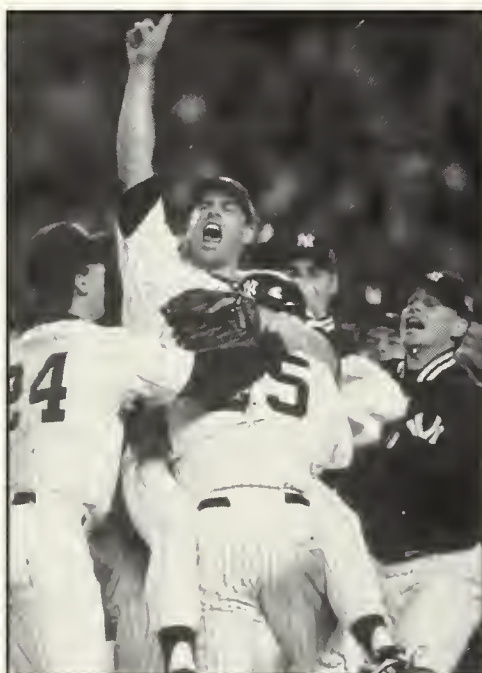


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**The New York Yankees returned to the ranks of baseball's elite** when they defeated the Atlanta Braves in the World Series, four games to two. It was the Yankees' first World Series appearance in 18 years, and the 23rd championship won by the team.

**After giving up his Senate seat to run for president in 1996,** Bob Dole celebrated his nomination at the Republican National Convention. Despite his promise of a 15 percent, across-the-board tax cut, Dole was defeated by incumbent President Bill Clinton.



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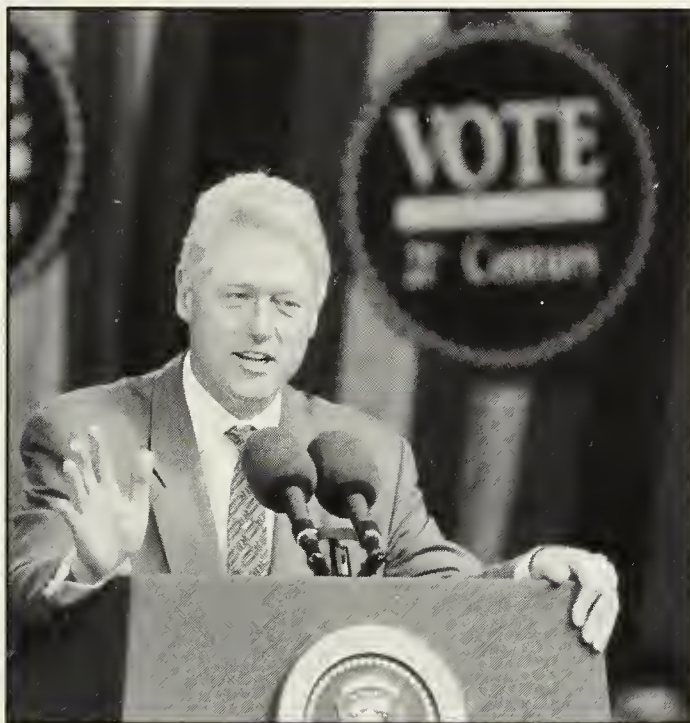


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**President Bill Clinton was re-elected in November,** becoming the first Democrat in more than 50 years to win a second term. Promising to "Build a Bridge to the 21st Century," Clinton won easily, despite turmoil in his staff and charges of improper campaign donations.

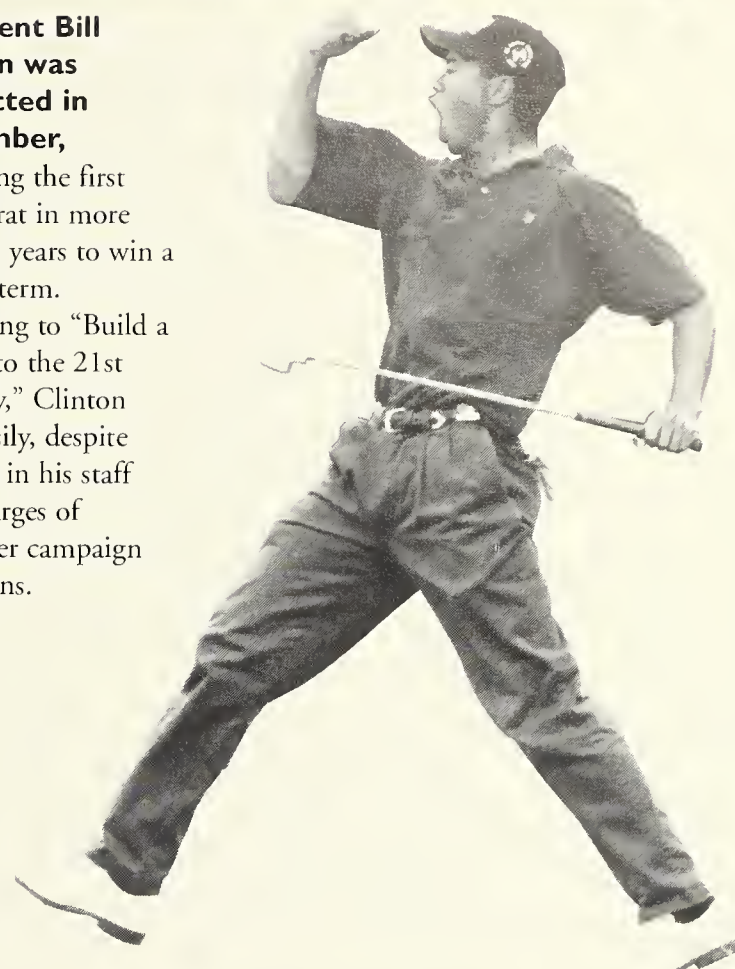


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**TWA Flight 800, en route to Paris from New York,** exploded over Long Island in July, killing all 230 passengers on board. While beliefs that the crash was caused by a bomb or missile were widely held, investigators became increasingly convinced that the plane went down because of mechanical failure.

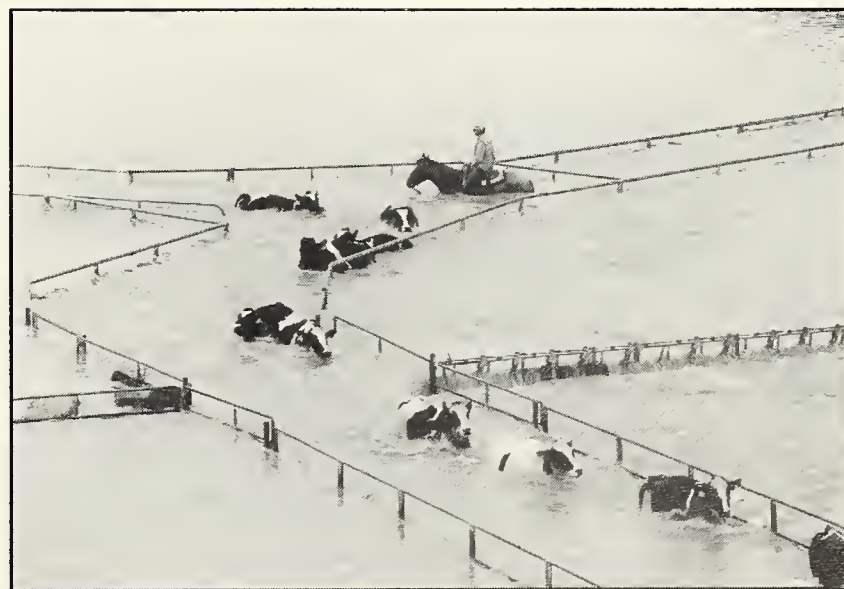


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**Tiger Woods became golf's ambassador in 1996.** After winning his third U.S. Amateur title, Woods turned pro and won two of his first seven tournaments. Woods started 1997 with a bang, winning the Mercedes Championships.

**Thousands in the northwestern United States,** including these cows, were forced from their homes in early January when floods caused by record levels of rain and snow swept through five states.



# *Remembrances...*

*a page for wishes from friends and family*



# Many Thanks

**to those who made it possible.**

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Let us hope that this is not the last we see of a college yearbook.



## *Leaving the Nest*

To the discerning eye of a “non-senior”, Senior Week may look like just an excuse to party one last time. But this simply is not true. Although students have looked forward to this time since their freshman year, it is bittersweet as well as exhilarating. Senior Week is full of activities that give the graduating class of 1997 one last opportunity to spend time with their friends.

Prior to the graduation ceremonies, seniors are busy at the Commencement Ball, Convocation, the Baccalaureate Mass and many other activities.

This period of time gives graduating seniors a chance to be with their classmates and friends one last time. Laughing, crying, making plans for the future and saying good-bye is what Senior Week is really all about.





# *Soaring*

SENIOR WEEK



What are you lookin' at?



The dance floor was packed throughout the night.



Jason Ritz, Kevin Pelletier and Allison Fox take a break to have a photo taken.

True romance always finds its way to the dance floor.





# One More Time

The annual commencement ball took place on Friday, May 16, 1997 at the Newport Marriott. The event was a showcase for fancy gowns and dapper tuxedos. Styles ranged from the traditional to the outrageous with everything from Armani suits to Doc Martin boots being worn.

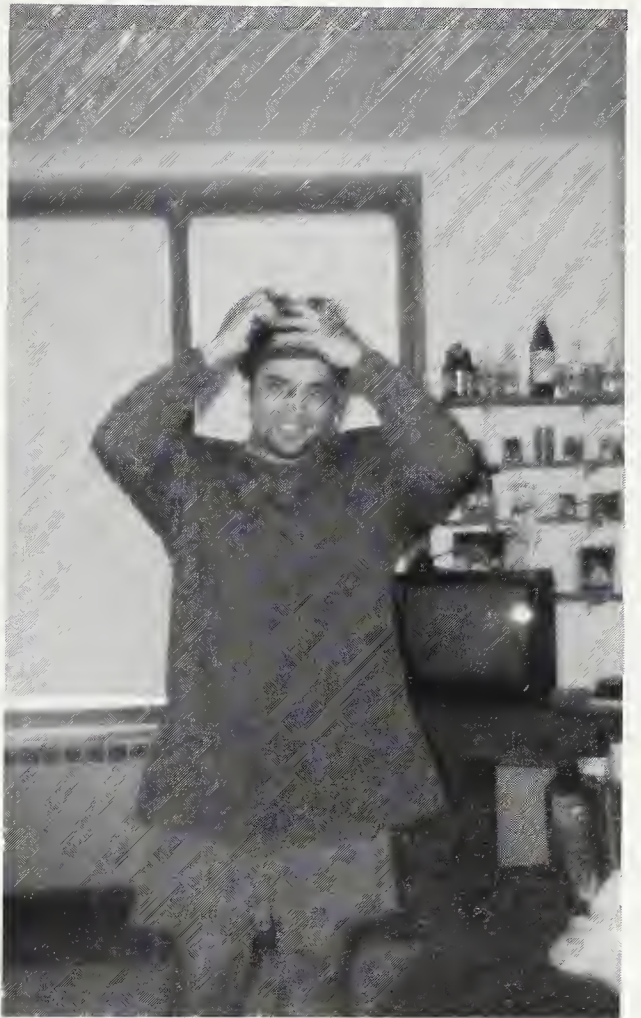
Attendees enjoyed a sumptuous meal of roast tenderloin and stuffed chicken, along with fresh vegetables. The meal concluded with a rich Gran Marnier Cake. Everyone was then up on the dance floor, dancing until the doors closed at 1:00 a.m.













Sr. Therese Antone presents a degree to her niece, Mikhael Antone.

Lucile Flanagan, Director of Financial Aid, watches the commencement proceedings.



Just one small part of the ceremony is shown under the big tent.

Marc Saulnier, Senior Class President, carries the university mace across the stage.





# An End..and a New Beginning

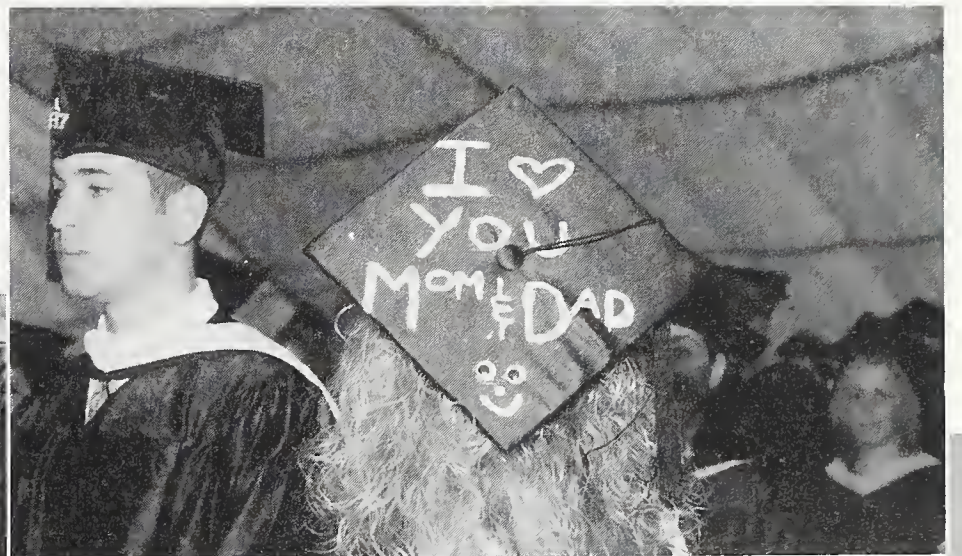
**T**he waiting was finally over. On Sunday, May 18, under bright skies and with bright spirits, the Class of 1997 completed their tenure at Salve Regina University.

For some, it will be the last time that they walk the hallowed halls as students. Many graduates will take jobs in a fairly strong market. For others, this is merely the first milestone on an academic

journey that will lead to a masters degree and possibly a doctoral degree at SRU.

In any case, the commencement ceremony was full of appropriate pomp and circumstance, tears, laughter and remembrances. Speakers came and went

across the stage offering sagely words of advice, but the real thrill came when Sister Therese finally handed over the leather bound diplomas to eager grads. Hats off to the Class of 1997!



*Giving credit where credit is due.*



*Lauren Blann and Coda await their turn to cross the stage.*





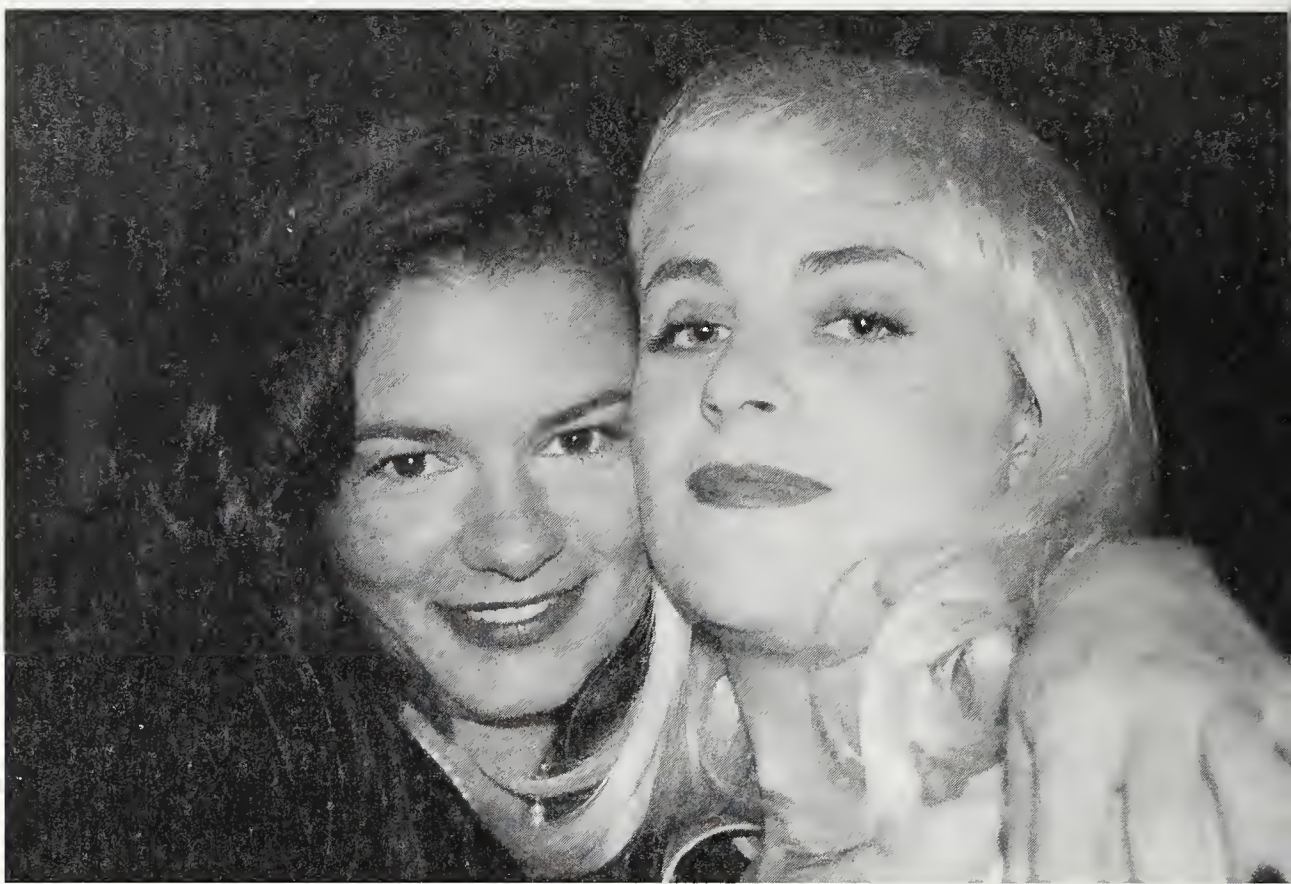
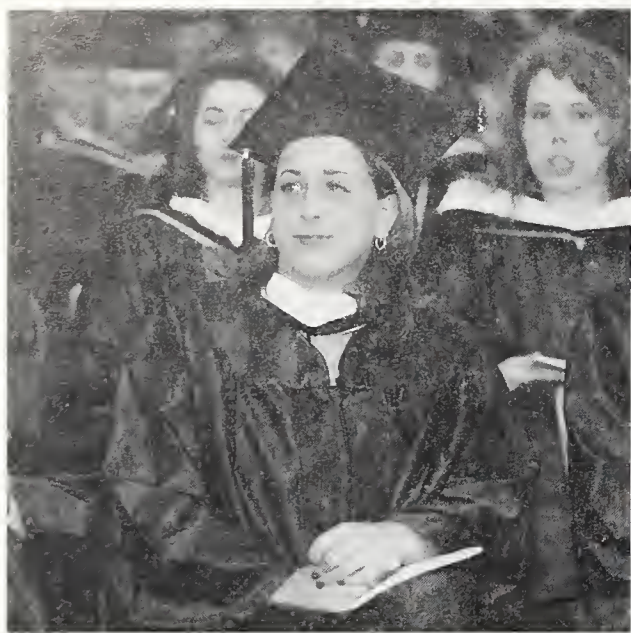


# THE TIMES OF OUR LIVES...





# MORE COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND...







## MEMORIES





**REMEMBER WHEN?**







**The following is a transcription of the speech presented by Kevin Pelletier, the valedictorian of the Class of 1997, at the Honors Convocation on Saturday, May 17, 1997.**

I'd like to thank Salve's president Sr. Therese, the faculty and administration, my classmates and their family and friends for coming to the Honors and Awards Ceremony.

I warned my friends who said they were excited to hear me speak not to get too excited because up until a few days ago, I had no idea what I was going to say. Dr. Mills suggested that I speak not only about personal experiences, but I should also be the voice of my class. Well I'm not sure I'm the greatest candidate to speak on behalf of my class. But I hope most of you will agree with what I'm going to say anyway.

A friend suggested that I should talk about my education here at Salve, and I thought that was a good place to start. So I began to think about my education over the past four years, especially as an English and philosophy major, and I began to realize how significantly the ideas I've learned in the classroom, have changed my life. I'm a completely different person than I was four years ago because of my education, and, I know the change has been for the better.

And something needs to be said about the professors here to whom I feel indebted for making the classroom exciting and stimulating, and for making it so easy to learn. I am especially indebted to the English and philosophy professors who have convinced me that ideas can change your life, and for that I am grateful.

And it's only been in the past week that I realized how valuable and rare an opportunity college is for that reason: it provides us with new ideas that can forever change our lives. And I guess my point is I hope everyone has realized the value of going to college. And if there is any advice I would give, and as crazy as this may sound: if you feel that your life has not been significantly changed because of your education, then you should reapply and do it all over again. Because this opportunity only comes once for most people, and what a waste of time, and what a waste of money and what a shame it would be to have missed it.

That being said, there is another aspect to college other than academics that I'd like to speak about. And in ten years when I think of my college experience, the first thing I think of will not be what John Locke said in 1689. And it will not be how many sonnets William Shakespeare wrote. When I think of my college experience, the first thing I think of will probably be all the nights I spent at Yesterday's with my best friends, where we would cultivate our taste for Guinness and White Russians and I'll probably think of all the times my roommate had me doubled over with laughter because he's the funniest guy I have ever met. And I'll think of my band - "The Bonnie Situation." And I'll think of playing baseball with the finest group of guys I could ever hope to know. And I'll think of Conley Hall, and I'll



think of D'Amico and Denneney and Peters and Smith and Baxendale - five guys to whom I owe so much of my happiness. And I'll think of the times my parents would drive thirty minutes just to bring me left-overs and to make sure I was eating OK. And although these things might mean nothing to most of you, you all know what I'm talking about.

And I guess it was also in the past week that I realized that the most important things I've learned here at Salve weren't learned in the classroom. Instead I learned that for me, this ceremony, and tomorrow's ceremony, the diplomas, the degree, and all the other formalities that go along with being a college student and graduate mean nothing without my friends and my family. And nothing in my life will really matter without them! I learned that I am the most happy and the most me when I am with the people I care about, and nothing is more important than that. And I regret that I didn't learn this sooner because, four years went by so fast. But the most important people in my life are beneath this tent right now. And I imagine this ceremony, and the commencement ceremony without my friends being there and without my family being there, and the ceremonies seem to lose their meaning.

And that reminds me, tomorrow is my mom and dad's 34th wedding anniversary. And all I can say about those two is that my dad is the greatest guy that I know and my mom is my soul-mate, and none of this would have been possible for me without them.

So if there's anything I've learned, it's that this time we spend together is precious and brief, so brief that tomorrow will make the completion of four years here at Salve. And as excited and anxious as I am to graduate, even I will admit that tomorrow is going to be a bit of a sad day because for many of us it will be the last time we ever see one another. And anyone who knows me knows that as honored as I am to have this opportunity to speak today, it is a responsibility that I really didn't want because I have nothing profound to say. But I would like to take this opportunity to say just a few things to my class: First, thank you for four pretty fine years. You've all made quite an impression on me, and like the effects my education has had, I will be forever changed because of it! Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. Good luck in the future. And I guess, so long.



## *Support Reaches a New High*

The support of the community, parents, and businesses has helped to make this book possible. Without their commitment and belief in Salve Regina University, this yearbook would not exist.

The production of a yearbook is a time-consuming and expensive process. It is nice to know that businesses in the Newport area and many others realize that it is a worthwhile endeavor.

Thanks to all who made this book take off. The yearbook staff appreciates your efforts.

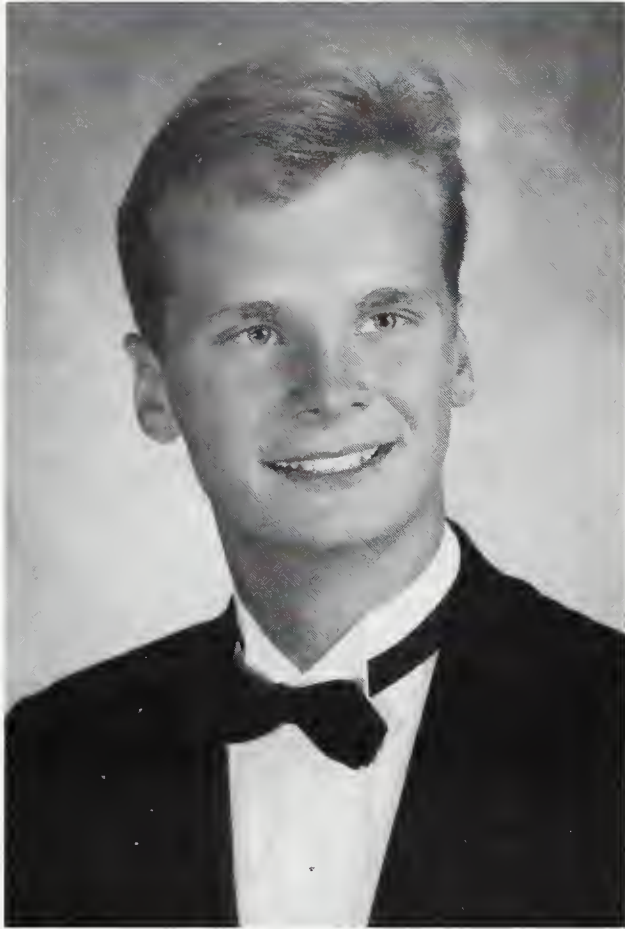
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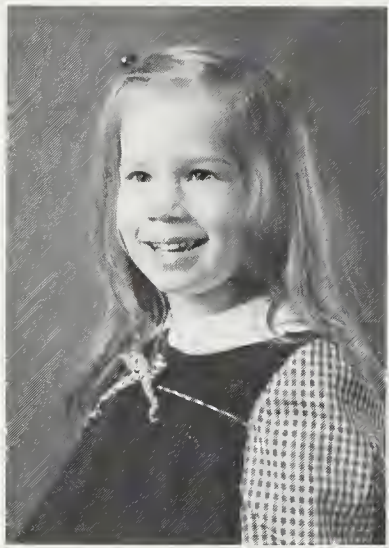
**Ryan Rourke**



**Congratulations!  
May all you've learned  
and experienced  
lead you to a future  
filled with success and happiness.**

**With Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Jennifer and Kevin, Class of 2000**





**Jessica,**

**You continue to make all of us so proud. We know you have a wonderful future ahead of you. The best of luck!**

**We Love You,  
Mom, Dad  
Sarah & Allen**



**Congratulations on a successful  
freshman year.  
Love Mom, Dad & Gil**

**Congratulations,  
Erica!  
We're very proud  
of you.  
Love you,  
Mom and Dad**



**Rob Mitchell,  
You are a gift!  
Love Always,  
Mom**



**Getting Ready**

**Live Your Dream**

**People who say it cannot be done  
should not interrupt those who are  
doing it.**

**We Love You, Lauren!  
Mom, Dad, Rich, Shadow & Caesar**



**A Winning Pair**

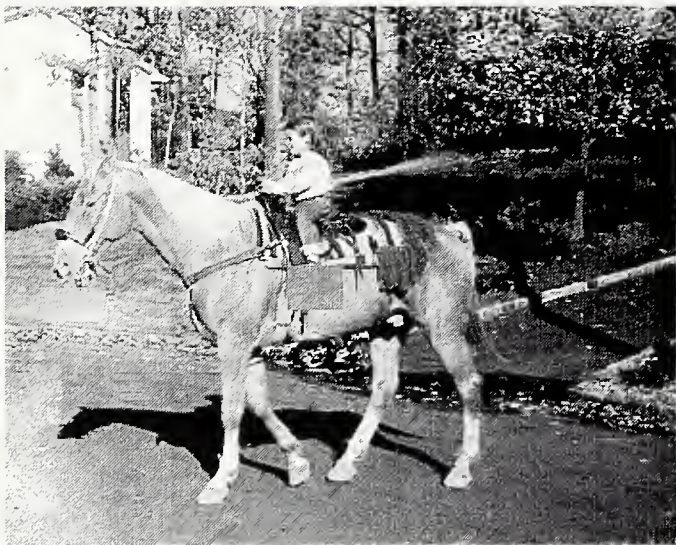


**Karen,  
You  
light up  
our  
lives.**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, Debra,  
Susan, Kim,  
Candace**



**Jen,  
You were our sunshine and always will be.**



**Congratulations!  
We wish you much love and  
happiness on your journey  
through life - have fun.  
We love you,  
Your Family**





**Kristin,  
A Lifetime of Love and Pride.  
Congratulations.  
Love, Mom**



**Congratulations Mike!  
On your selection as the  
Men's Soccer Team  
"Rookie of the Year"  
We're Proud of You...  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Nicole & Billy**

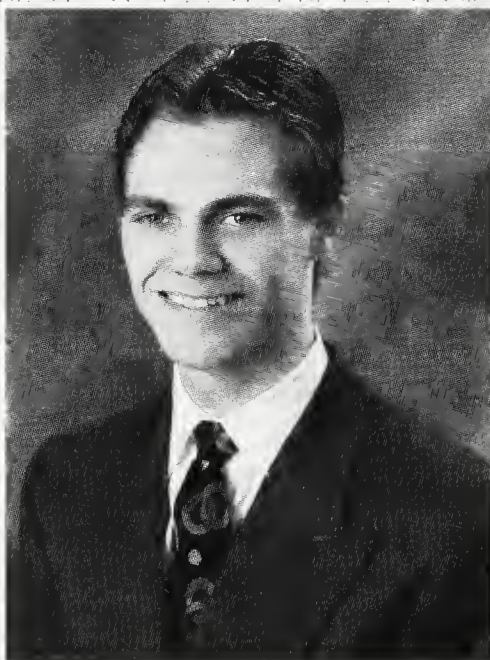


**Congratulations Matthew!  
We're very proud of you.  
Love Mom, Dad, Chris,  
Jonathan and Melissa**

**K.O.P.**







*Thomas Jolley*

*Information Systems Science*

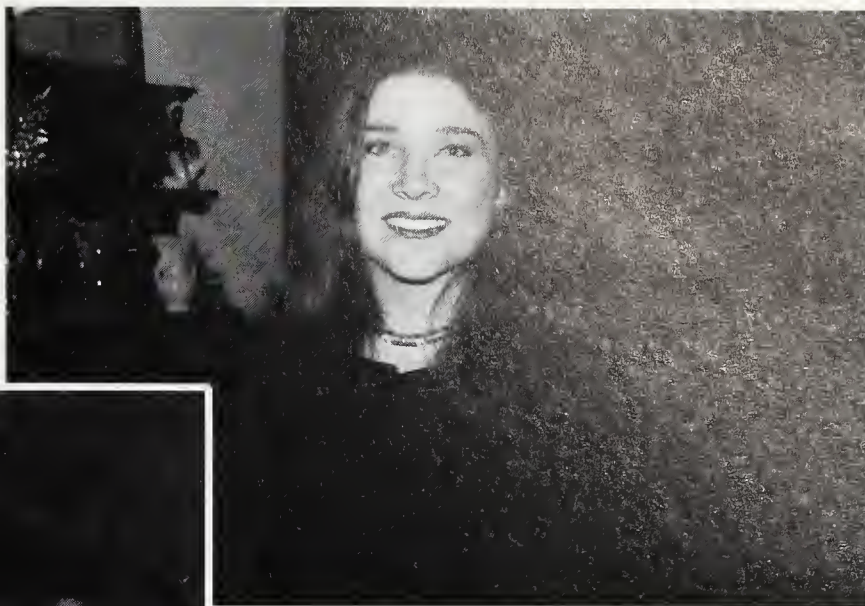
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Tom,  
Twenty years from  
now you will be more  
disappointed by the  
things you haven't  
done than by the ones  
you did do. So throw  
off the bowlines. Sail  
away from the safe  
harbor. Catch the  
trade winds in your  
sails. Explore. Dream.  
Discover.  
Congratulations on a  
job well done!!!!!!  
We Love You Very  
Much,  
Mom, Dad & Chris





# **Congratulations Dara DeCando**



**“Share the gift of who you  
are...”  
You have always made us very  
proud and happy.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad**

**Congratulations Sue!  
We are very proud of  
you.**

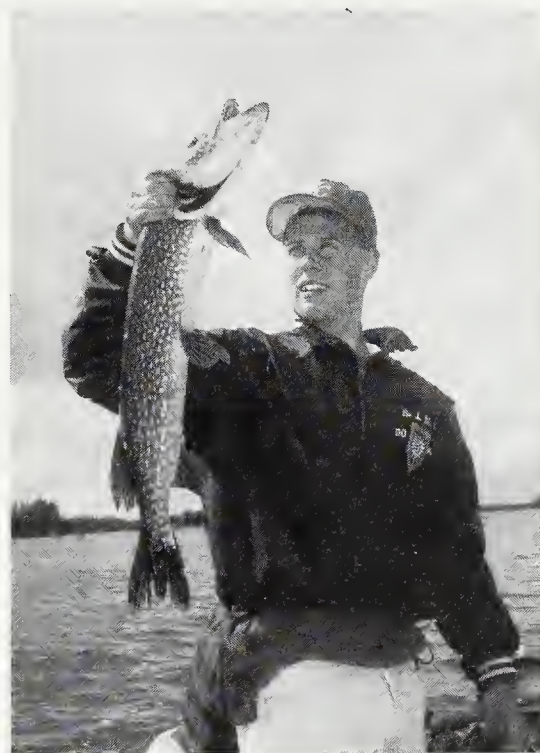
**Love from  
Mom, Dad, Brian, Andy,  
Dan, Laura and Karen**



*Nicole Gioia  
5 years old*

**NICOLE,  
YOU DID IT!  
You followed your dream  
and found the rainbow.**

**We are very proud of  
you,  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Adam  
& Maggie says Me Too**



**Eric -  
Congratulations!  
We are very proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Lori & Pete**





**Nicholas Minicucci III (Trae)**

**Trae you deserve and have our admiration,  
respect and love. Congratulations, we wish  
you a life full of happiness, success and  
good health. May God Bless and keep you  
mentally strong and physically fit.**

**Love,**

**Mom and Dad**

**Michael and Matthew**

**Molly and John**



**Marie, Our Lady Jane,  
We wish you all the best in  
whatever you choose to do. Your  
family is very proud of you.**

**Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Rob, Ed & Kevin**



**Congratulations  
Gail  
We love you -  
Mom, Dad,  
Matthew and  
Brian**

**Dear Jason,**

**Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to Great Places!  
You're off and away!**

**- Seuss**

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, Stephen, Jennifer, Amy, Dave and Sam**

## **Congratulations - Christine**

May your future be filled with  
Happiness, Love & Peace!  
May All your Endeavors be Great Ones  
Filled with Success!  
May your Goodness and Charm  
Remain with you - Always!  
And may you always remember  
How very proud we are of You -

**Love Always - Mom & Dad**



*Christine Magaldi*





# **CHRISTINA SEMPEPOS**

**We are  
very  
proud of you.  
Congratulations!  
with all of our love,  
Mom, Peter,  
Cynthia, Carla,  
and Philip**

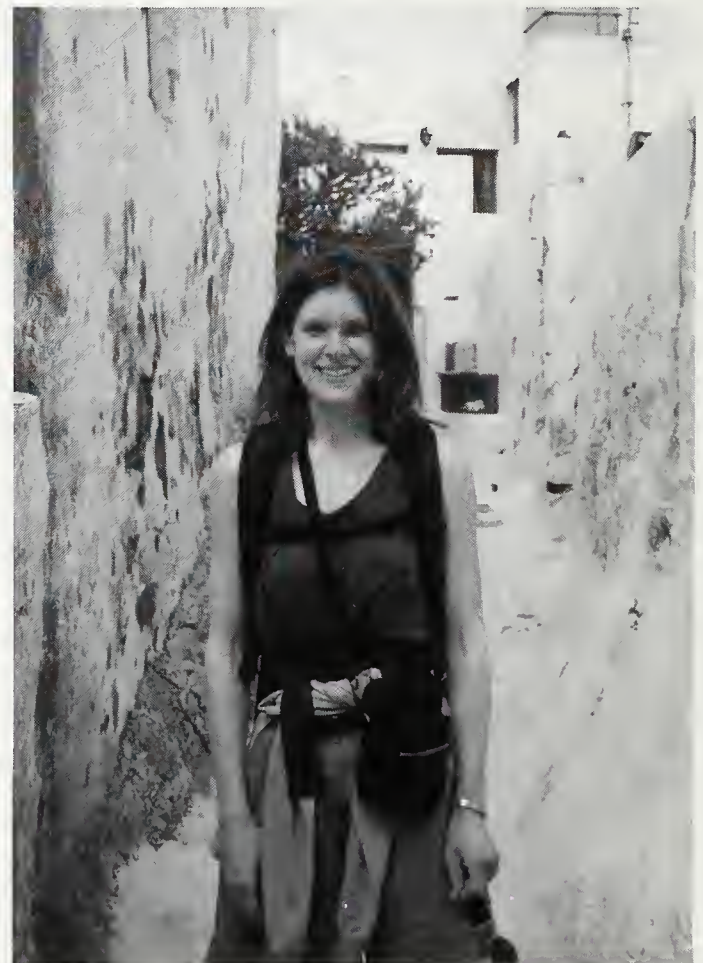
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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO JEN KULESA!**

**We are proud of you and all that  
you have accomplished.**

**You are a very special person.  
The world is yours - Go For It!**

**We Love You Very Much,  
Mom, Dad, Bud, Joe & Marianne**







**Allison,  
For someone  
who never  
wanted to be in  
school, you'll  
be in school the  
rest of your  
life.**

**Good Luck  
Teaching!**

**We Love You and are so very proud  
of you.**

**Love Always,  
Dad, Mom, Stephanie and Toby**

## **Notes from Parents...**

Sean Calvo: Congratulations! Your dream has been achieved, now there are others to be realized. We love you very much. Mom & Dad

Rita Cutroni: We are proud of you and your well earned accomplishments. You're the best! Love, Mom, Dad and Justin

Marguerite Versacci: Congratulations! We are proud of you. All our love, Dad, Mom, Jennifer, Sarah & Shanna

**The Salve Regina University  
Student Life Office Staff  
congratulates all the graduates of  
the Class of 1997.**

**We're sure you'll do us proud!**



*Joseph G. Marino*

*Marketing*

*Niantic, Connecticut*



**Congratulation Gillian!**

**We are so proud of you.  
All our love to the moon and  
back.**

**Mummy, Daddy, Colin & Ian**





*Patience J. Tibbs, 15 years old  
Brittany T. Tibbs, 11 years old*

**We love you both  
to pieces and are  
so very proud of  
you!**

**Love Always,  
Mom, Chase,  
Dani, Rob, Pat,  
Vanessa and  
Olivia**



**Congratulations, Patience!  
Reach for your dreams and  
always strive to be your best!**

**Erin,  
You have been a  
great joy to us. We  
are very proud of  
you.  
You have been a  
pillar of strength.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad**







**Congratulations to Doug Pregman '98**

**Voted in by his peers as the first  
Salve Regina University  
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President**



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